













1955 Pioneer

READING HIGH SCHOOL  
Reading, Massachusetts

*It started with  
an architect's drawing . . .*



*... progressed through  
many stages ...*





*... and finally grew to the handsome new*



## *Foreword*

In 1906 Reading High School students entered a new building which was described by a noted editor of the time as "one of the best equipped and appointed in the state." Now, forty-nine years later, Reading High School students are again in a brand new school, and one which could be described by that same quotation. In a way, this year has marked the beginning of a new era for Reading High School, another era, we hope, of great progress.

In the past half-century, students who were graduated from the old school were well prepared to cope with two world wars and a period of the greatest scientific development the world has ever seen. They bear witness to the success of the old building and of the entire Reading School System.

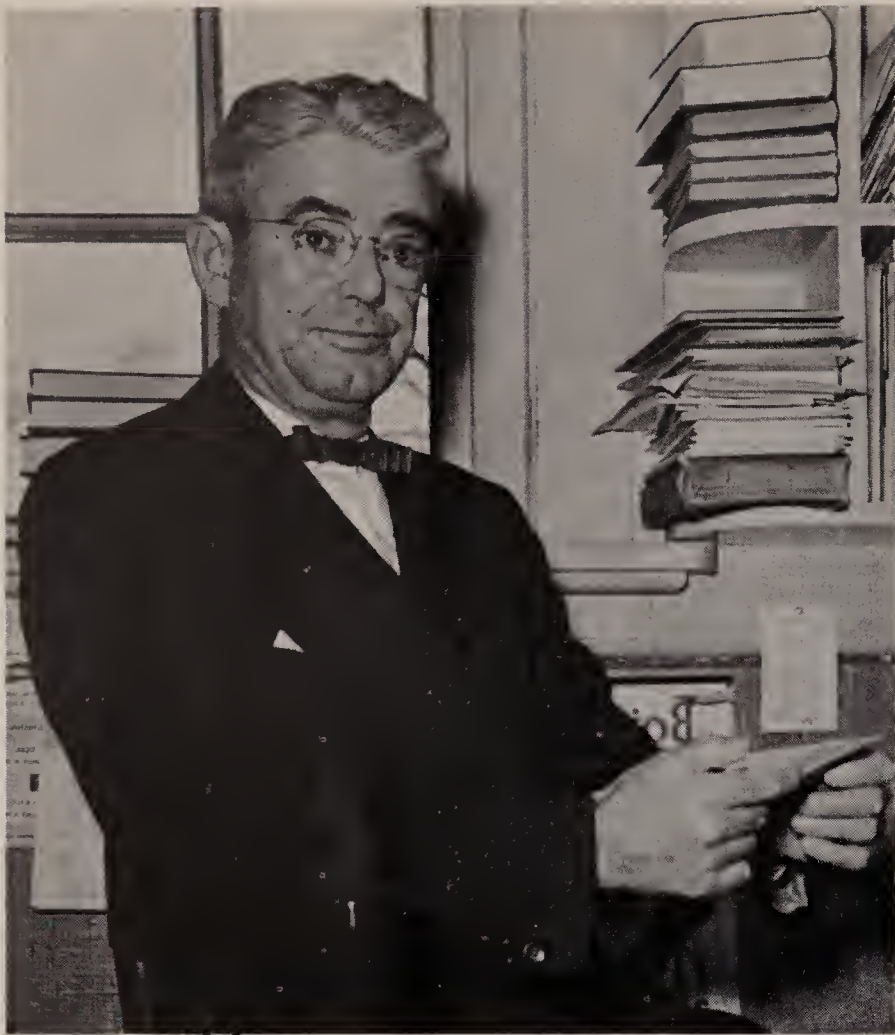


# Reading High School



Now, however, we are faced with even greater problems than ever before, problems which must be met efficiently and quickly. The new Reading High School has been designed to prepare students for this work, and time will prove its success.

In our 1955 *Pioneer* we wish to focus a spotlight on the highlights of the first year of the new R H S . . . on the building itself, on the people in it who gave it life and purpose, and on the ceaseless activities — curricular and extracurricular — which go on within its walls. All of these we shall remember as we look back upon our many-faceted, happy days as the first seniors in the new Reading High.



MR. LUKE HALPIN

We of the Class of 1955 dedicate our yearbook to Luke Halpin, whose recent death deeply grieved the administration, faculty, and student body, as well as the whole community.

Mr. Halpin, a highly respected member of the faculty, was appointed a teacher of mathematics in Reading in 1922. Later he became head of the Department of Guidance and Assistant Principal. From the beginning Mr. Halpin proved to be a superior teacher and a leader of youth. He was a composite of cheerfulness, firmness, and understanding. For thirty-two years he helped boys and girls to become men and women, as well as competent math students.

We are honored to dedicate our yearbook to Mr. Halpin, an outstanding teacher, scholar, and man.

## PIONEER BOARD

### *Co-Editors*

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# FACULTY







#### MR. RUDOLF SUSSMANN

The success and high academic rating of Reading High School have for many years been due in large measure to the wise direction of our Principal, Mr. Sussmann. Through his untiring work as leader and counselor, Reading High School has maintained and will continue to maintain a high standard of scholarship and achievement of which the pupils and the townspeople can be justly proud.



The office staff: Miss Underhill, Mrs. Tilton, Miss Stembridge. . .



And the office itself, central headquarters for running the school.





**MR. JOSEPH F. FITZGERALD**  
 Mr. Fitzgerald, our new Assistant Principal, is by no means new to Reading High. For several years, as head of our Mathematics Department, he has given his time and attention to the interests of math students. Now that Mr. Fitzgerald is Assistant Principal of the school, many more students may benefit from his experience and geniality.



## GUIDANCE

Left to right: Mr. R. Bronner, Mr. C. W. Baker, Miss F. G. Nichols, Mr. A. A. Karakashian, Chairman.



The familiar smile of Miss Nichols, our friendly Dean of Girls.



## SCIENCE

Seated, left to right: Mr. P. A. Wogan, Mr. F. J. Pope, Chairman; Dr. H. R. Zimmermann. Standing: Mr. J. T. Murphy, Mr. S. R. Clark, Mr. H. N. Soule.



## HISTORY

Seated, left to right: Mr. N. C. Robinson, Mr. W. E. Hanlon, Chairman; Mr. A. C. Bennett. Standing: Mr. W. F. McGrail, Jr., Mrs. C. S. Wyman, Mr. J. M. Aldrich.



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Seated, left to right: Mrs. M. H. Eaton, Mr. C. W. Baker, Mr. J. F. Fitzgerald, Chairman; Mrs. E. G. Hardy. Standing: Mr. G. T. Catalano, Miss M. E. White, Mr. H. J. Heineman, Jr., Miss H. Percy.



Pictures on preceding pages have shown the growth of our new building. These pages give a partial view of what goes on inside, in the place where we spend most of our time, our classes. There we meet Macbeth, Ulysses, and irregular verbs; or we juggle formulas, perform experiments, and discuss current events. There some of us master typewriters, sewing machines, the intricacies of automotive mechanics, or the principles behind the safe operation of a car. Our courses are chosen from a comprehensive curriculum designed to prepare us for entrance into colleges, schools for technical or vocational training, or positions in business or industry. Underlying the curriculum is the philosophy that training young people in the principles of American democracy is all important. Though we frequently complain about homework and don't exactly welcome quizzes and tests, we know that at the end of our four years we shall be well prepared for our first step beyond high school.

Experiments in chemistry lab illustrate science in action in a scientific age.



Within the walls of their own classroom, freshmen explore far-away places as they supplement their study of history with important geographical data.

Sophomore math students find their introduction to theorems a challenge to clear and logical thinking.







## ENGLISH

Seated, left to right: Mrs. C. B. Abbatt, Miss M. E. Shay, Chairman; Mrs. J. R. Cutcliffe. Standing: Miss M. Begum, Miss J. Hiltan, Miss R. Alden, Miss C. Jahnsan.

## FINE ARTS



Seated, left to right: Mrs. E. H. Macdonald, Librarian; Miss G. F. Ray, Art. Standing: Mr. J. D. Oliver, Music; Mr. S. Quaganti, Music.



Seated, left to right: Miss V. Cox; Mr. A. L. Spencer, Chairman; Miss R. E. Chiesa. Standing: Mr. T. B. Carnell, Miss J. Rasenberg.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGES





Galsworthy or Hardy? English pupils make frequent reference to lists of recommended books to find suggestions for their supplementary reading.



Art III students apply block-print designs of their own creation to colorful place mats.

A study of the culture and geography of foreign lands provides an interesting background for grammar and translation.







## ATHLETICS

Left to right: Mrs. N. E. Peterson, Mr. P. W. Althaff, Chairman; Mr. J. A. Crowley.

## PRACTICAL ARTS

Left to right: Mr. F. C. Wales, Mrs. E. B. Foster, Mr. R. E. MacDanald, Chairman.



## COMMERCIAL



Seated, left to right: Miss E. A. Batchelder, Miss S. W. Kling, Chairman; Miss A. F. Drury. Standing: Mr. J. D. Pacino, Mrs. A. H. Franzen.



Weight-lifting equipment in the new gym is put to full use.



Senior girls prepare for office work as they master the intricacies of business machines under the supervision of Miss Kling.



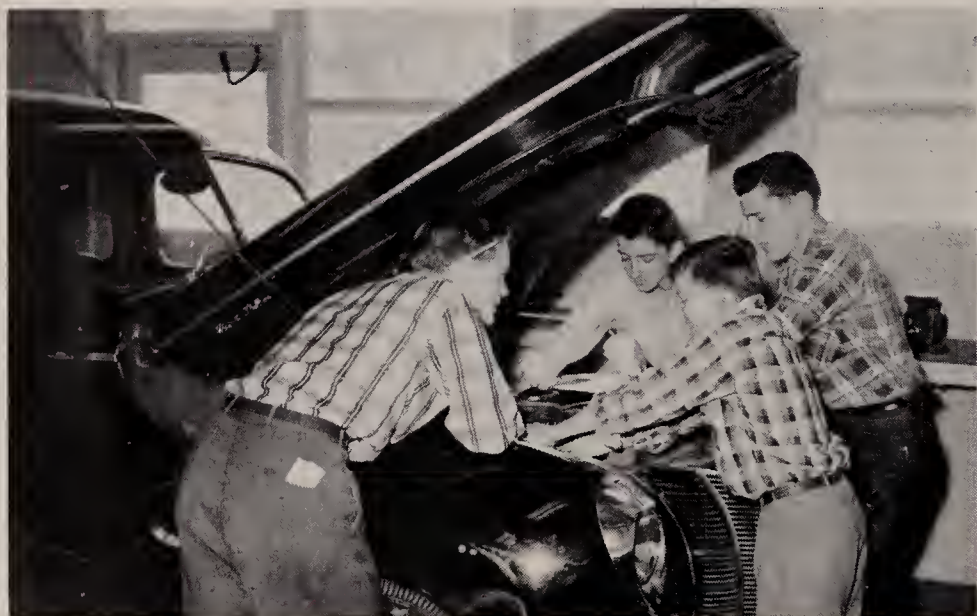
Type-setting, in the well-lighted new shop building, provides another form of preparation for future jobs.



## New Facilities



New business machines give a wider range to our commercial department.



Automotive repair forms a new and interesting field of study in the shop course.



Our efficient staff of custodians, who have done much to keep the school bright and cheerful, are (left to right) Mr. Young, head custodian; Mrs. Miller, Mr. Broussard, Mrs. Dinan, Mr. Yorks.



Our new Driver Education Program has given many seniors an opportunity to learn to drive under careful supervision. •



# Make Work More Enjoyable



The home economics suite features modern equipment for one of our most useful courses.



The spacious library is one of the most popular studying places in the school.



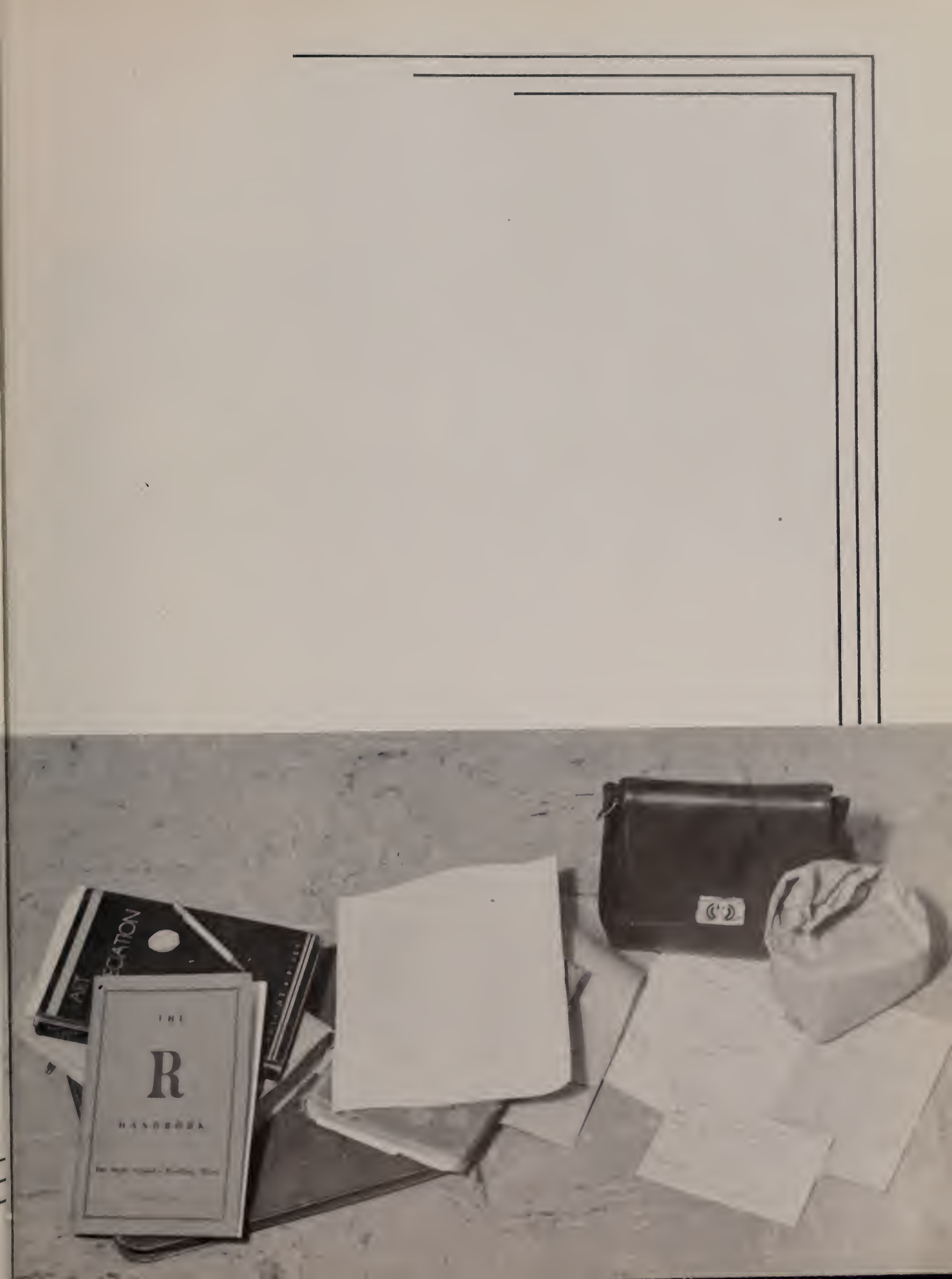
Mrs. Clewley (r.), assisted by Mrs. Lazenby, supervises the well-equipped health department.

Our up-to-date new kitchen and pleasant cafeteria are under the direction of our capable kitchen staff, who are (l. to r.) Miss Connor, supervisor; Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Sias, Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Arsenault, and Mrs. Mullen, manager.





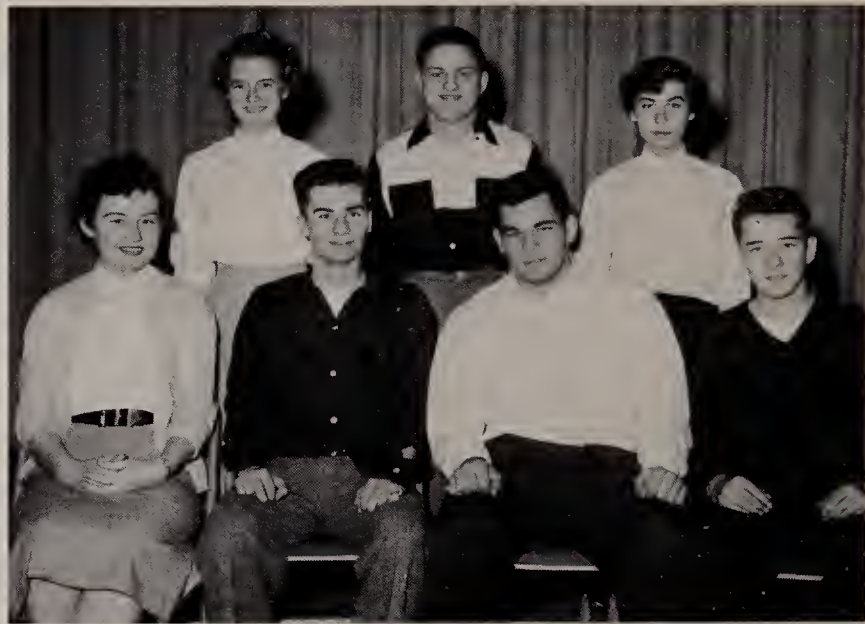
# UNDERCLASSES





CLASS OFFICERS

Left to right: Nancy Fitzpatrick, Conrad Ferrara, Kenneth Latham, Joseph Haley.



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Seated, left to right: Nancy Fitzpatrick, Conrad Ferrara, Kenneth Latham, Joseph Haley. Standing: Edwina Belzer, Robert Doucette, Susan Warford.

# Class of 1956

## History

As Juniors we may look back on a memorable year of work and good times in our new school. To contribute to the atmosphere of our new surroundings, we elected new class officers for the coming year. Under the leadership of these class officers, president, Kenneth Latham; vice-president, Conrad Ferrara; secretary, Nancy Fitzpatrick; treasurer, Joseph Haley, we planned our Junior Prom. With active co-operation from the members of the class, the many committees were able to make a success of the dance, which has long been a tradition of our school.

Members of our class added their talent and effort to the success of the Senior Play and Drama Festival. Juniors were among the first to support the interests of the many clubs which developed during this year and led the way in encouraging others to join these extra activities.

Acting as either spectators or participants, we enjoyed an active year of sports. Throughout the year many high honors were awarded to junior players who showed outstanding skill and sportsmanship.

The entire junior class was given the opportunity to apply for a trip to Europe, where one student would take part in the Summer Program under the direction of the American Field Service. Through the sponsorship of the Student Council and with the support of the student body, one member of our class was selected to go.

We juniors feel that we have accomplished our goal this year and have helped to maintain the high standards of Reading High School. We now look forward to an equally successful year as seniors.



### HOMEROOM 210

Front row, left to right: Patricia Murdock, Janice Murphy, Joan Oliver, Suzanne Peale, Deborah Milton, Ruth MacMahon, Dorothy Oram. Second row: Barbara McMahon, Richard Ogden, Karen Mich, John Pineau, Gail Morin, David Nicholson, Jeanne Merrill, Carol Moody. Third row: William McMahon, Curtis Parker, Richard Neilssien, Richard Murdoch, Walter Mullin, Joseph McKeague.



### HOMEROOM 204

Front row, left to right: Helen Youd, Patricia Stratton, Janet Wright, Susan Whitney, Jane Hiltz, Marie Zanni, Gail Wyman. Second row: Sally Towle, Robert Tolonen, Nancy Taylor, Kenneth Woodside, Geraldine Webb, John Tomlinson, Susan Warford. Third row: Donald Woodland, Robert Surette, Joseph Walsh, Howard Welch, John Turner, Warren Surette.



### HOMEROOM 206

Front row, left to right: Linda Anderson, Joyce Berry, Viola Brennan, Sylvia Amero, Sandra Call, Judith Blue, Joan Bennett, Janet Baker. Second row: Marjorie Brown, Marjorie Callahan, Darlena Bugbee, Sally Brown, Janis Butler, Ann Compton, Janet Carlson. Third row: John Bickell, Clifford Banning, Willard Buddenhagen, Paul Barton, Douglas Burhoe, Philip Barret, John Carter, Gerald Boudreau.







HOMEROOM 207

Front row, left to right: Nancy Denna, Susan deBrigard, Marion Cole, Mary Donegan, Susan Colby, Priscilla Denbow, Patricia Cavanaugh, Joan Cummings, Laura Christie. Second row: Richard Curtis, Robert Condon, Robert Doucette, Diana deMasellis, Mary Coneeney, Brenda Croswell, Charles Clattenburg, William Climo, Robert Cook. Third row: Joshua Day, Paul Coutreau, Martin Dickman, Robert David, George Dicey, Stephen Claughtan, Robert Currier, Joseph DiBona.



HOMEROOM 208

Front row, left to right: Carol Gerriar, Nancy Heseltan, Norma Franzen, Nancy Fitzpatrick, Molly Johnson, Carol Ivers, Shirley Hall, Nancy Fransen, Gail Jerauld. Second row: Jahn Face, Richard Fornauf, Lorraine Jewett, Nancy Harris, Beatrice Flanagan, Mary Jane Harrington, Robert Isaacs, Joseph Haley. Third row: John Hicks, Jahn Haward, Henry Heath, Chandler Eaton, Albert Griggs, Donald Ellingwood, Richard Hatfield, Frank Hicks, Conrad Ferrara.



# HOMEROOM 209



Front row, left to right: Janice Kerr, Barbara MacLeod, Deborah Kopystecka, Gloria McDonald, Patricia Latham, Patricia Kimball, Dorothy Jones, Gail McCarthy, Mary Rae Kellett. Second row: David Mahar, Ernest MacLean, Roger Livingstone, William Keefe, Jane Magison, Carol Ann Leslie, Martha Mathews, Marguerite Matthews, Robert MacKenzie, Leonard Leary, John Macklin, David Lyons. Third row: William Lovering, Boyd Leslie, Richard Lucas, Arnold Keene, Edgar March, Carl Leighton, Philip Mason, David Marshall, George Mason, Robert Kennedy, Kenneth Latham.

# HOMEROOM 211



Front row, left to right: Patricia Richardson, Donna Sias, Margaret Pratt, Virginia Story, Jean Smith, Priscilla Stiles, Carol Snyder, Elizabeth Smith. Second row: Er Chang Ping, Beverly Rankin, Barbara Sampson, Gail Porter, Leonard Redfern, Ruth Stockbridge, Jane Strout, Barbara Quinton, Gail Strasnick, David Skinner. Third row: Newton Spurr, James Selfridge, Lowell Spicer, James Sellers, Wayne Steeves, Theodore Surdam, Richard Sanborn, George Rodda.





### CLASS OFFICERS

Left to right: Peter Bergholtz, Edward Donley, Cornelia Whitten, Richard DeLong.



### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Seated, left to right: Susan Searle, Edward Donley, Cornelia Whitten, Richard DeLong, Peter Bergholtz, Patricia Comstock, Nancy Larson. Standing: Carol Byrne, Judith Wilkinson, Ruthann Sullivan, Bruce Kay, Rosalynd McCullough, Caroline Dube.

## Class of 1957

### History

September 1954 brought two very comforting thoughts to us sophomores entering Reading High School. First, we would not be lowest classmen, for the freshmen would be there. Second, everyone else from freshman to senior alike would be in the same boat we were — hunting for classes, meeting new teachers, and getting used to the ways of the new RHS.

Our first activity as a class was the election of officers. The successful candidates were president, Richard De Long; vice-president, Peter Bergholtz; secretary, Cornelia Whitten; and treasurer, Edward Donley.

The big class event was the Sophomore Hop, held in the new cafeteria and greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

The sophomores have been very active in school affairs this year. Our president is also vice-president of the Debating Club; several of us have done very well in the various sports; and we also have done our share in the Drama Festival, with ten of the fourteen participants in the Talent Show being sophomores. We have been capably represented on the new *Rocket Hi-Lites* by six members of our class.

Since we are the first sophomore class to attend the new Reading High School, we have strived to set our standards high for future classes to follow.



## HOMEROOM 104

Front row, left to right: Gloria Akerley, Patricia Cain, Elaine Bent, Anne Bloom, Carol Byrne, Lucille Bird, Edith Barnes, Sylvia Armstrong. Second row: June Castine, Sandra Abell, Marcia Call, Janien Benson, Harry Bowen, Constance Briasco, Lois Boyd, Nancy Briggs. Third row: John Behen, Glenn Bigelow, Henry Bolton, Richard Burgess, Douglas Archibald, Herbert Batchelder, Donald Aiesi.



## HOMEROOM 119

Front row, left to right: Marie Peters, Dorothea Pierce, Judy Pulson, Susan Searle, Susan Sewall, Patricia Raymond, Arlene Sanborn, Carolyn Sharp, Beverly Savage, Mary Sarcone. Second row: Virginia Richards, Martha Russell, Nancy Shealey, Diana Rodgers, Nancy Paehler, Charlotte Putnam, Carol Powers, Marianne Sawyer, Janet Rock, Barbara Penno, Joyce Schofield, Paula Perry, Sandra Oliver. Top row: Richard Penno, George Rightmeyer, Robert Sebeika, Gary Orth, Earton Robertson, Richard Roberts, David Sheldon, Robert Powers, Roger Quimby, David Riley, Donald Sansom, Wayne Sanborn, Ronald Record, Edward Regan.



## HOMEROOM 117

Front row, left to right: Cecile Martel, Lucinda Leary, Nancy Larson, Janice Kimball, Janet Lincoln, Carol MacKeil, Janet Lundberg, Jane Land, Mary Jane Leslie. Second row: Barbara Mahoney, June Kilgore, Carol Mangold, Barbara Kinnie, Kenneth Livingston, Mary Lou Langevin, Barbara Kitch, Elizabeth King, Brenda Lehman. Third row: Fred Keppe, David Mader, Norman MacKay, Anthony Laschi, James Lomax, Lawrence Kenney, Joseph Long, Ronald Lucia, William Knight, Daniel Lyon, Robert Lane.





## HOMEROOM 120

Front row, left to right: Nancy Skinner, Josephine Turilli, Lorraine Stephenson, Paula Stephens, Spencer Stewart, Elizabeth Sullivan, Patricia Stanton, Diane Smith. Second row: James Stone, Robert Starr, Joseph Tower, John Talbot, Gordon Tibbetts, Richard Turner, Edward Taylor, David Smith. Third row: Donald Sillars, John Spurr, John Syda, Roger Stewart, Edwin Doherty, William Tilley, Alfred Swenson, George Swenson.



## HOMEROOM 107

Front row, left to right: Jacquelyn Jones, Ruth Jarvis, Joyce Jellison, Marcia Holden, Jacqueline Hildred, Sandra Johnson, Eloine Gaw, Nancy Grundy. Second row: Robert Hoeckel, Lorraine Horn, Janet Hosker, Margery Harris, Shirley Gifford, Carol Gilbert, Jill Goldsmith, Marcio Johnson, Ann Jenkins, William Gerrior, Robert Holmes. Third row: Stuart Garden, Bruce Kay, LaFayette Gosselin, Ralph Henderson, Edward Hickman, Richard Gray, David Jenney, Ernest Hutchinson, Thomas Holohan, William Johnson.

## HOMEROOM 106

Front row, left to right: Lois French, Theresa Dobbin, Pauline Doherty, Carol Doucette, Jean Eldridge, June Fleming, Barbara Ellis, Janice Doucette. Second row: Robert Emerson, Sandra Fiske, Jane Fowler, Gail Emerson, Rolinda Durgin, Marilyn Dodge, Marcia Elden, Louise Fronqillo, Caroline Dube, Edward Fuller. Third row: Kenneth Eisenhaure, Francis Galvin, Paul Gaffney, Clinton Francis, William Freeman, Donald Eisenaur, Jesse Frye, Robert Ducker.







## HOMEROOM 105

Front row, left to right: Elizabeth Dunphy, Jacqueline Cutcliffe, Joanne Cosenza, Patricia Comstock, Brenda Crovo, Gail Conti, Diane DiBerto, Mary Chisolm. Second row: Francis Chaput, Anthony Cordani, Gail Cook, Joan Dicey, Donna DeGroot, Paul Cryts, John Crielson, Richard Davidson. Third row: James Colbert, George Davidson, Robert Davis, John Conway, Robert Cook, Thomas Chess, Richard Derry, Charles Christenson.

## HOMEROOM 125

Front row, left to right: Patricia Walsh, Margery White, Janet Vars, Susan Weadick, Barbara Wheeler, Barbara Wakefield, Judith Wright, Gladys White. Second row: John Mumley, Merrilyn Webb, Judith Wilkinson, Mavis Williams, Susan Worthen, Donna Stevens, Cornelia Whitten, John Welch. Third row: William Whiles, Stephen Wardwell, David Williams, Roy Parker, David Westcott, George White, William Zimmer, Edward Wendell.



## HOMEROOM 118

First row, left to right: Roberta McGrath, Maureen O'Donnell, Joyce Gilbar, Carol Oldenbrook, Ann McManus, Gail Morand, Sandra Moore, Joyce Moore. Second row: William McIntire, Carl O'Brien, Richard Mullin, Janice Noseworthy, Rosalynd McCullough, Judith Morse, William McGilveray, Russell Norton, Allen Ober. Third row: Robert Meuse, Norman Grue, Allen Maxwell, Louis Newhouse, Ronald Muccio, Howard McQuesten, William Nurmi, Curt Nitzsche.







#### CLASS OFFICERS

Left to right: Judith Olsen, Nancy Luther, Kenneth Faulkner.



#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Front, left to right: Sally Stewart, Ann Dennison, Kenneth Faulkner, Judith Olsen, Nancy Luther. Second row: Betty Ann Pease, Edson Larkin, John Peoples, Charlotte Rosenkrans.

## Class of 1958

### History

We consider ourselves fortunate. Besides being the first freshman class to enter Reading High School in many years, we had a large new building which was being used for the first time. When we entered the building in September, we were amazed by its immensity. The freshman class now has a total enrollment of 277 students. We will be the first class to complete four years in the new high school.

We started the year by electing officers and Student Council members. The officers are president, Kenneth Faulkner; vice-president, Nancy Luther; and secretary-treasurer, Judith Olsen. The class advisers are Miss White and Mrs. Foster.

In the fall we had our class party. It was a big success. During the year the class has taken an active part in all school activities such as sports, clubs, and the Drama Festival.

We freshmen had our own basketball, football, and baseball teams. In March, the first issue of our school newspaper, *The Rocket Hi-Lites*, named by a member of the freshman class, was published. Several of the newspaper staff — thirteen out of forty-three, to be exact — were members of our class.

This past year has been a successful and happy one, and we are all looking forward to the next three years in Reading High School.



## HOMEROOM 8

Seated, left to right: Caroline Post, Diane Roberts, Charlotte Rosenkrans, Adeline Rock, Frances Hurley, Judy Pinto, Louise Proctor, Carol Rogers. Second row: Suzanne Scheiner, Lorraine Poore, Barbara Singer, Nancy Skidmore, Arlene Seekins, Mary Ann Pirello, Roberta Rees, Linda Rodgers, Dorothy Russell, Mary Lou Post, Linda Rising, Lorraine Ferrari. Third row: Annette Quinton, Richard Pierce, Robert Peterson, William Platt, Edward Powell, Donald Elwood, John McLean, William Rogers, Margaret Smith.



## HOMEROOM 102

Seated, left to right: Patricia Thompson, Patricia Todsén, Barbara Wilcox, Natalie Steeves, Bette Lee Toothaker, Virginia Wood, Alys Wilson, Carol Ann Wedge. Second row: Nancylee Woods, Pamela Swain, Shirley Smith, Jacqueline Van Laethem, Sally Stewart, Carol Weeks, Gretchen York, Eileen Treanor. Third row: Annda Witherell, Carolyn Surette, Donna Warnock, Helen Warnock, Bertha Surette, Catherine Walsh, Alice Wolsey, Gail Spaulding.



## HOMEROOM 1

Seated, left to right: Brenda Call, Frances Bowen, Sandra Blanchard, Stephanie Abbott, Mary Battista, Linda Brown, Nancy Campbell, Barbara Bellows, Judith Burns, Joyce Balcomb. Second row: Edward Brandon, David Anderson, William Brennan, Francis Bonaccorso, Bruce Berger, Desmond Camacho, David Beighley, Albert Brown, Fred Bertelson. Third row: Donald Burley, James Beighley, Douglas Barker, Philip Campbell, Gordon Barnes, Frederick Brush, Gilbert Adams, William Cain, John Brennan, George Burns.





## HOMEROOM 5

Seated, left to right: Ellen Killeen, Antoinette LeBlanc, Joan Lucas, Bettian MacLeod, Roberta McCabe, Helen McCabe, Judy McGilvray, Ann Knox. Second row: Bradley Latham, John MacKenna, Nancy Luther, Edson Larkin, Faith Mallett, Richard McDonald, John McHardy. Third row: William MacLean, Thomas Maher, James LaFleur, Frederick Madio, Robert Lundholm, William Knight, John Killilea.



## HOMEROOM 3

Seated, left to right: Joyce Doherty, Maria Galante, Marcio Frost, Sharon Fowler, Cynthia Downs, Marcia Eastman, Linda Flaherty, Barbara Frost, Marian Forsythe. Second row: John Doucette, Bruce Durning, Ruth Ellis, Claire Foster, Mae Evans, Marcella Gonzalo, Carol Dorsey, Mork Fellows, Donald Gollant. Third row: Joseph Doherty, Francis Gallo, John Dolan, Richard Fowlow, Edward Dulong, William Dodge, Kenneth Faulkner, Edward Galvin, Peter Gale.

## HOMEROOM 4

Seated, left to right: Martha Herald, Judith Hogan, Dea-Ann Kerr, Carole Hildred, Gertrude Jacobs, Kay Grundy, Patricia Green, Stephanie Heselton, Jane Holohan. Second row: Marie Heselton, Kathleen Greene, Lois Kilgore, Jean Kevorkian, Peter Hardy, Noncy Jones, Gail Green, Joann Ivester, Judith Johnston. Third row: Lincoln Grant, Kenneth Holsberg, John Harvey, Richard Hannon, Paul Gullam, Philip Gregorio, John Greene, Edwin Goodwin, Stephen Higgins, Richard Hoyt.







## HOMEROOM 7

Seated, left to right: Bette Ann Pease, Dorothy Mercier, Margery Morrison, Glenna McKeague, Judith Olsen, Ruth Packard, Carolyn Moody, Gail Neilssen. Second row: Martin McHardy, Maureen Mullins, Layne McMennamin, Marjorie Murphy, Ellen Partelow, Jean Pelletier, Sheila Pentz, Elaine Nilson, Beverly Miller, Richard Nichols. Third row: William Melanson, Richard Peterson, Gary Mytych, Charles Mercier, John Moore, Perrin Parkhurst, Robert Peoples, Richard Nelson.

## HOMEROOM 6

Seated, left to right: Robert Sanford, Sumner Weston, David Sawyer, Robert Stracuzzi, Kenneth Ross, Robert Strasnick, Donald Thompson, David Ripa. Second row: Ronald Simms, Robert Wright, George Spear, Anthony Ricardo, John Watson, David Rose, John Sampson, Ronald Starr, Robert Weldon, Richard Wood. Third row: Robert Trites, Robert Banfield, James Spence, David Slade, Richard Provan, Robert Snelling, Donald Tompkins, Norman Woods.



## HOMEROOM 2

Seated, left to right: Marie Currie, Paula Chin, Judith Christensen, Victoria Comstock, Virginia Carney, Linda Chesley, Judith Butt, Mary D'Entremont, Virginia Climo. Second row: Robert Daley, Nancy Colby, Ruth Cronje, Carol Cram, Ann Dennison, Margaret Colburn, Alice Cassely, Gale Carter, Sherman Chapman. Third row: Warren Dalton, Paul Demenkow, Ronald Deferarri, David Cann, William Cavanaugh, Poul Cowan, Richard Crouse, James DeWolfe, Raymond Cutler, James Cunningham.





# ACTIVITIES

MASSACHUSETTS  
DRAMA FESTIVAL

READING II  
AUDI  
SATURDAY, N  
NINE PLAYS  
3 SESSIONS

ADMI  
FULL SESSION  
SINGL SESSION



# Sophomore Hop



Sophomores enjoy both informal . . .



and formal dancing . . .



as well as refreshments . . . one of the highlights of the evening.

## SOCIAL

November 12 . . . . .

November 23 . . . . .

December 10 . . . . .

December 17 . . . . .

December 20 . . . . .

February 4 and 5 . . . . .

March 19 . . . . .

April 15 . . . . .

May 19 . . . . .

May 27 . . . . .

June 6 . . . . .

June 7 . . . . .

June 8 . . . . .



# Cheerleader's Dance

## CALENDAR

Freshman Dance

Cheerleaders Dance

Sophomore Hop

Fashion Show

Band Concert

Senior Play

Drama Festival

Junior Prom

Band Concert

Senior Prom

Class Day

Senior Banquet

Graduation



Flowers for royalty . . . Miss Nichols pins a corsage on Football Queen Lorraine Crovo.



Our head cheerleader, Ann O'Brien.



Ann, Jean, Janet, Patty, Kate, Carol, Nancy, Debbie, Charlotte, Judy, and their escorts.



Good music and smooth dancing in the new cafeteria.





The Stage Manager prepares to speak . . .

The Senior Class of Reading High School . . . . . presents

# “OUR

A Play by

Directed by

THE

“This play is called *Our Town*. It was written by Thornton Wilder and produced by the Senior Class.” On Friday and Saturday, February 4 and 5, the Senior Class presented its annual play before a record audience of nearly one thousand. This year the seniors attempted Thornton Wilder’s Pulitzer Prize winner and their efforts were well rewarded. Since this was the most ambitious production ever attempted at Reading High, they worked long and hard up to curtain time perfecting their lines and drawing more understanding from the philosophy which Wilder brings out during the course of the play.

Perhaps the most dramatic and thoughtful moments of the play came in the graveyard scene. The cast showed, with great skill, just what people think and how they feel after death. “Gradually, gradually they let go hold of the earth, and the ambitions they had, and the pleasures they had, and the things they suffered, and the people they loved. . . They’re waiting for the eternal part in them to come out — clear.”

The work of the cast and the crew did not go unrewarded. The play was an immediate success and appealed to all age groups. It was readily acknowledged as one of the best plays in the history of Reading High and was a highly rewarding experience for all those concerned with it.

Stage Manager.....  
 Dr. Gibbs.....  
 Joe Crowell.....  
 Howie Newsome.....  
 Mrs. Gibbs.....  
 Mrs. Webb.....  
 George Gibbs.....  
 Rebecca Gibbs.....  
 Wally Webb.....  
 Emily Webb.....  
 Mr. Webb.....  
 Simon Stimson.....  
 Mrs. Soames.....  
 Constable Warren.....  
 Si Crowell.....  
 Katherine Craig.....  
 Joe Stoddard.....  
 1st Dead Woman.....  
 2nd Dead Woman.....  
 1st Dead Man.....  
 Farmer McCarthy.....  
 Members of Choir.....

Prompters —



## CAST

Front Row: Jeffrey Stane, Mary Hardy, Katherine Kramer, Helen Taylor. Second Row: Richard Curtis, Richard Ragers, Duncan Moodie, Albert Lowe, Fred Miller. Third Row: Judy Stone, Sandra Taylor, Merelyn Daniels, Elizabeth DeMar, Judith Partelaw. Fourth Row: Dale La Belle, Barry Hubbard, David Wendell, Douglass Beeman, Thomas Halpin.

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY



# TOWN"

Thornton Wilder

Arthur L. Spencer

## CAST

.....Thomas Halpin

.....Albert Lowe

.....Dale La Belle

.....Barry Hubbard

.....Helen Taylor

.....Sandra Taylor

.....Richard Curtis

.....Judith Stone

.....Richard Rogers

.....Merelyn Daniels

.....David Mathews

.....Douglas Beeman

.....Mary Hardy

.....Fred Miller

.....Jeffrey Stone

.....Katherine Kramer

.....David Wendell

.....Judith Partelow

.....Betty DeMar

.....Dale La Belle

.....Charles Vars

.....Patricia Todsén, Beverly Jones,

.....Carolyn Moody, Frances Gordon,

.....Mary Rae Kellett, Margaret Smith

.....Anne Knox,

.....Patricia Carter, Priscilla Harrison



Our skillful lighting crew — "keep that man in the spot light."



The graveyard scene — varied views on life and death.



Merelyn and Dick after the wedding.



Mourners at Emily's funeral — Thorton Wilder style.

## SATURDAY

4 and 5, 1955





"Well, I don't think any woman is perfect"  
 . . . Merelyn straightens Dick out on a  
 minor point at rehearsal.



### TICKET COMMITTEE

Mary Ann Ventimiglia, Linda McKenney, Jaan Magliozzi.



### CANDY GIRLS

Caral Peterson, Jean Doucette, Lorraine Crova, Linda French, Deana Newell, Barbara Nurmi, Anita Mulhinch, June Redmond.



### PROGRAM GIRLS

Marion Ruderman, Barbara Conti, Florence Russell, Raberta Riccio, Carol Sanford, Lois Doiron.



### USHERS

Herbert Ferren, David Barrett, John Marden  
 Arthur Hathaway, Douglas Gardon, Gerald White





#### TICKET COMMITTEE

Virginia Dolan, Dolores Surette, Charlotte Cryts.



#### PROMPTERS

Patricia Carter and Priscilla Harrison.



#### CANDY GIRLS

Carol Stevenson, Kate Coneeney, Janet Kay, Nancy Burpee, Carolyn Blanchard, Jane Mercier, Ann O'Brien, Doris Miller.



#### USHERS

William Skinner, Douglas Gordon, David Abbott, Don Mason, Charles Vars.



#### PROGRAM GIRLS

Joan Leonard, Shirley Henderson, Joyce Skane, Nancy Jones, Elaine Carr, Maureen Skinner.



... And behind the scenes ...



"Do you, Emily, take this man, George, to be your wedded husband," —



Thirty minutes before curtain time — ugh, do you look weird!



#### COSTUME AND PUBLICITY

Left to right: Dolores Devaney, Florence Russell, Duncan Moodie, Jean Marie Leboucher, Priscilla Harrison.



#### TECHNICAL CREW

Robert Surette, Douglas Burhoe, George Perry, John Miller.



# Drama Festival



Part of the Theater Exhibit in the school library.



The cafeteria . . . beehive of activity between sessions.

On Saturday, March 19, 1955, Reading High School played host to other schools in the Regional Drama Festival. The participating high schools — Arlington, Everett, Gloucester, Lynn Classical, Marblehead, Medford, Somerville, and Winchester — provided a full day of competent dramatic presentations. Judged a winner in the Regional Festival with its "Man in the Bowler Hat," Reading went on to the Massachusetts State Festival in Boston.



A dramatic moment in Reading's presentation, "The Man in the Bowler Hat."



A highlight of Marblehead's scene from *Jenny Kissed Me*.



Our thespians shortly before curtain time.



# Through the Day



Doors open promptly at eight and in we come . . .



. . . before moving on to classes . . .



. . . of varying interests . . .



. . . to catch up on the news during a stop at our lockers . . .

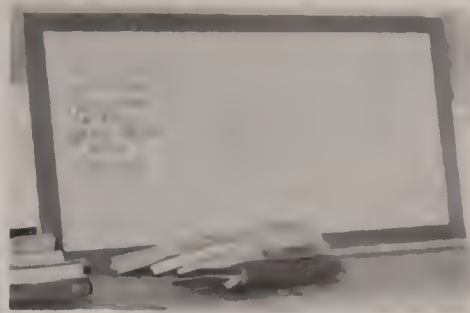


. . . and types . . .





After a scholarly conference for four at lunch . . .



. . . we pass to classes and activities . . . perhaps a guidance conference . . .



. . . or a cap-and-gown measurement session . . .



. . . then a final parley at lockers . . .



. . . before the 2:30 exodus . . . homeward bound.



# ORGANIZATIONS





# Pioneer



## PIONEER BOARD

Front, left to right: Dale LaBelle, Merelyn Daniels, Barry Hubbard, Helen Taylor, Ruth McDonald. Rear: Marion Towle, Florence Russell.

Coordinators and leaders of the several *Pioneer* groups, with Miss Shay, Miss Roy, and Mr. Hanlon as advisers . . . Their goal . . . to produce a worthwhile record of the first year of the new RHS and the last school year of the Class of '55.



## ART STAFF

Left to right: Barbara Nurmi, Lawrence Duffy, William Skinner, Anita Mulhinch, Carol Stevenson, Mary Leonard, Marion Towle, David Wendell, Doris Miller, Florence Russell, Priscilla Leslie.

Much of the success of the *Pioneer* depends upon the art staff's work . . . They choose the most suitable pictures, arrange the layout of the pages, help to balance copy and pictures for pleasing effects . . . talk smoothly of "cropping," "bleeding," "reducing."





#### PROFILE STAFF

Front row, left to right: Jaan Leonard, Thomas Halpin, Sandra Taylor, Dale LaBelle, Editor; Judith Stane, Douglass Beeman, Katherine Caneeney. Second row: Priscilla Harrison, Dalores Devaney, Carol Peterson, Barbara DeMar, Janet Kay, Ann Tamlinson, Lois Doiran. Third row: Herbert Ferren, Katherine Kramer, William Doherty, Don Mason, Douglas Gardan, Ann Strout, Albert Lawe.

Producers of capsule sketches of the seniors . . . working from questionnaires filled out in homeroom and from knowledge of classmates' personalities . . . the thirty-five word limit was often formidable . . . thirty-five years from now their descriptions will reawaken many memories.



#### EDITORIAL ASSISTANTS

Seated, left to right: Albert Lawe, Merelyn Daniels, Barry Hubbard, Dale LaBelle, Sandra Taylor. Standing: Douglas Gordon, Thomas Halpin, Douglass Beeman, Herbert Ferren.

Workhorses of the writing staffs . . . Barry Hubbard and Merelyn Daniels headed the Faculty and Classes division . . . Dale LaBelle, Seniors . . . Douglass Beeman and Sandra Taylor, Sports . . . Tom Halpin, Activities . . . Albert Lowe and Herbert Ferren, Organizations . . . Douglas Gordon, our free-lance man . . . Juniors gave invaluable assistance.





#### TYPING STAFF

Left to right: Joan Magliozzi, Charlotte Cryts, Barbara Conti, Beverly Boivin, Ruth McDonald, Leona Couturier.

A very important link in the yearbook chain as the *Pioneer* progresses from blue-penciled longhand to final copy for the printer . . . Translating the editors' copy calls for much eyestrain and tireless patience . . . With efficiency and cheerfulness our typists survived the inevitable deluge.

#### BUSINESS STAFF

First row, left to right: Barbara Moulton, Sandra Taylor, David Barrett, Helen Taylor, Carolyn Blanchard, Charles Vars, Leona Couturier, Mary Hardy. Second row: Maureen Skinner, Judy Partelow, Joyce MacMillan, Elaine Carr, Joyce Skane, Linda French, Marilyn Guile, Barbara Hoyt, Anne Chaput. Third row: Richard Rogers, Jean Doucette, Linda McKenney, Richard Spinney, Thomas Wall, Dolores Devaney, Doris Miller, Nancy Jones.



Advertisements are a vital necessity if a yearbook is to materialize . . . Members of the Business Staff take care of this important phase of *Pioneer* management by soliciting advertising from local businessmen and others . . . Proof of their success is evident.





## HOMEROOM COLLECTORS

First row, left to right: Nancy Larson, Sandra Jahnsan, David Barrett, Helen Taylor, Richard Spinney, Gail Kenney, Joan Cummings, Gail Wyman. Second row: Sally Stewart, Ann Dennisan, Stephanie Abbatt, Janis Butler, Judy Olson, Sandra Oliver, Barbara Hayt. Third row: Nancy Skinner, Roberta McCabe, Roberta McGrath, Richard DeLong, Edward Donley, Stephen Zeali, Nancy Fitzpatrick, Barbara DeMar, Beverly Jones.

Important part of the Business Staff . . . legmen for our director of circulation . . . leaders in a concerted drive in homerooms . . . To accomplish their goal, a *Pioneer* for every student, they conduct business on either a cash basis or an efficiently handled installment plan.

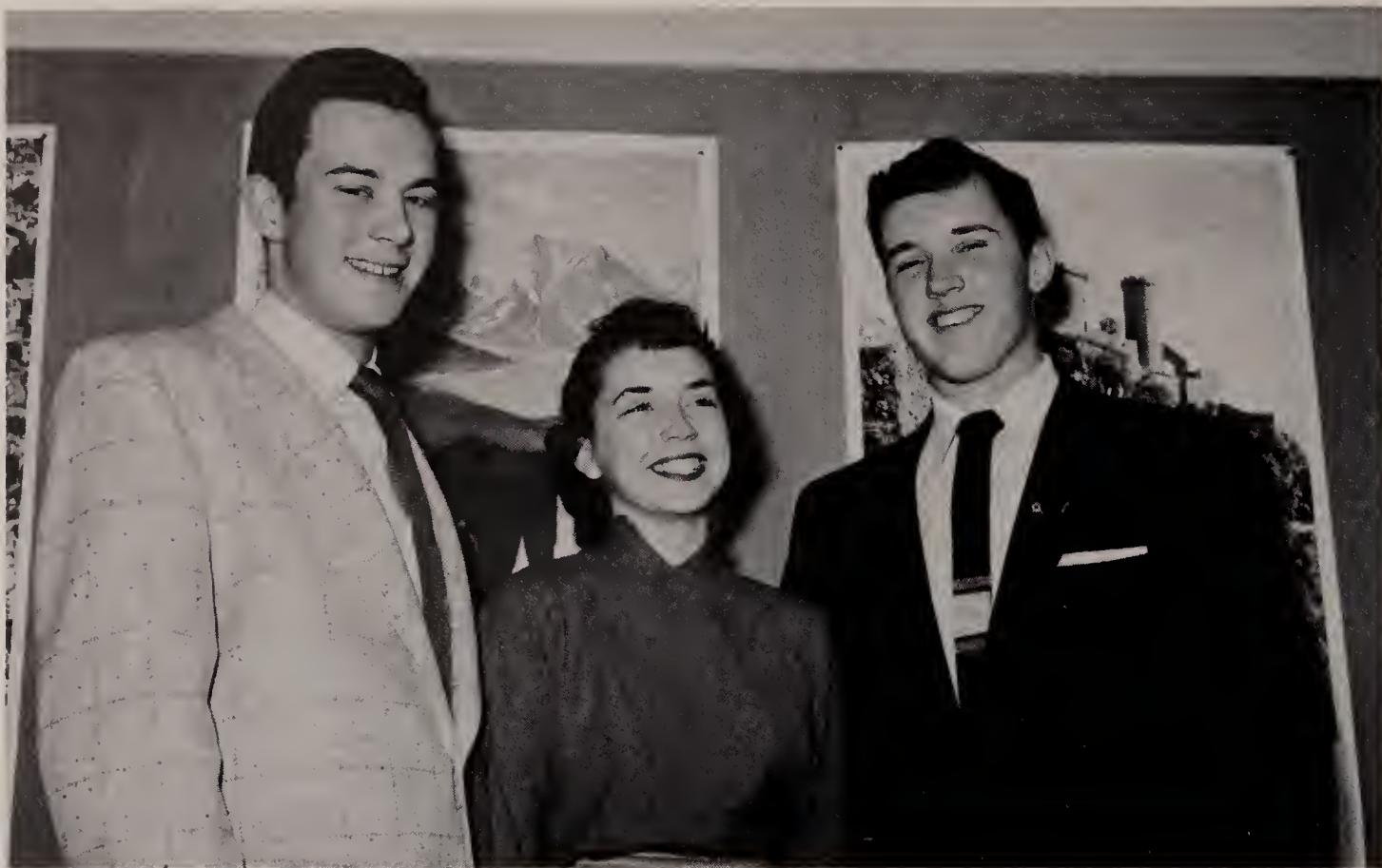


## ROCKET HI-LITES

Seated, left to right: Gail Wyman, Linda Anderson, Judith Partelow, Jonet Baker. Standing, left to right: Carol Snyder, John Tomlinson, Jeanne Merrill.

A welcome new publication, under the direction of Mr. Robinson . . . the four-page monthly newspaper depicting life at the new high school . . . the first edition rolled off the presses in March to win deserved acclaim.





#### FRENCH CLUB OFFICERS

Left to right: Richard Spinney, vice-president; Meryl Daniels, secretary; John Turner, president.

Another new organization . . . *Cercle Francais* . . . formed to provide more knowledge of France — her people, places, songs, traditions . . . Meetings feature, among other things, singing and films . . . Plans call for an original play, and, *piece de resistance*, a French meal . . . Advisers are Miss Chiesa and Mr. Cornell.

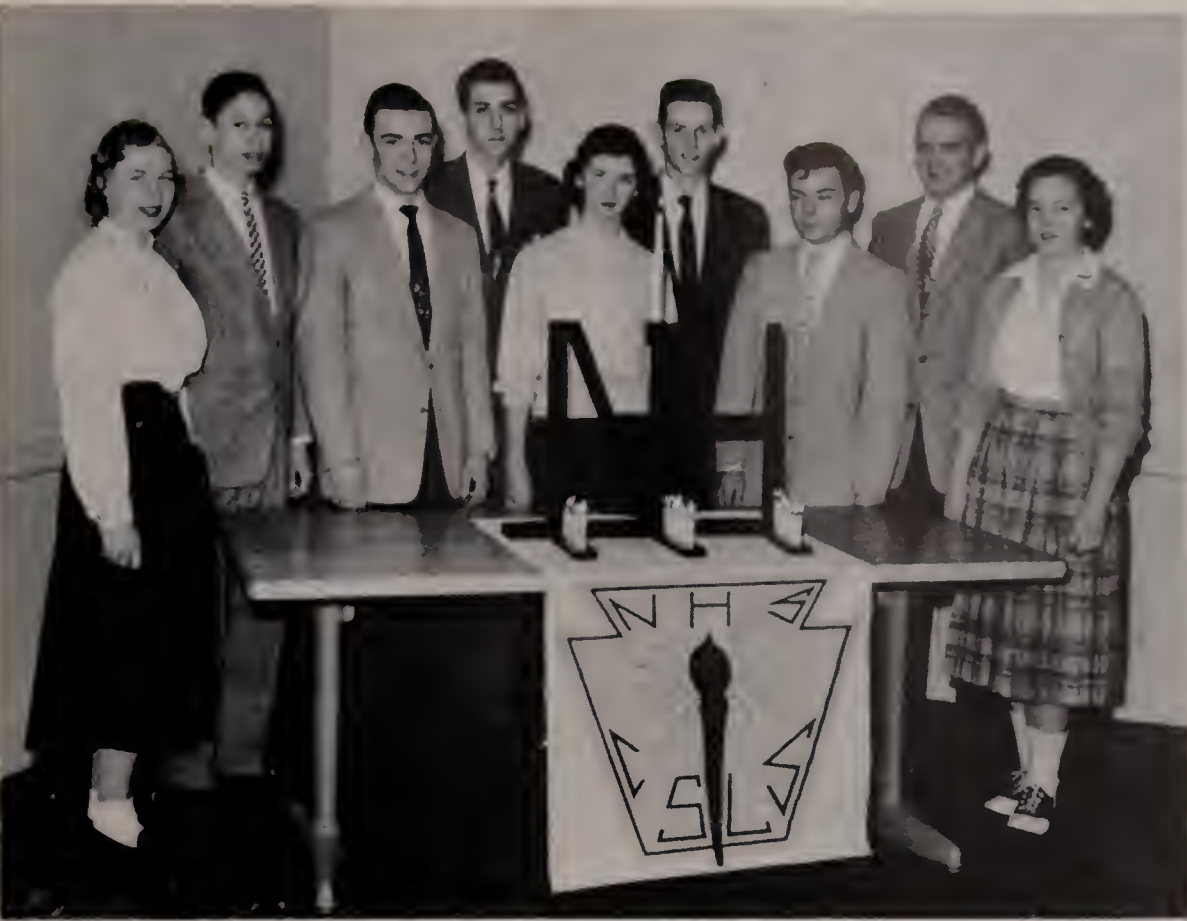


#### ENGINEERING STAFF

Left to right: Stephen Wardwell, Charles Vars, Albert Griggs, Douglas Burhae, Robert Surette, Allen Ober.

The "Engineers" are a competent staff of operators of audio-visual-aids machinery . . . running projectors and recording equipment with dexterity . . . In addition to classroom and assembly work, they expertly managed the lighting and sound details for the Senior Play and the Drama Festival.





## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Left to right: Helen Taylor, Dale LaBelle, Barry Hubbard, Carolyn Blanchard, William Doherty, Joseph Gallagher, Thomas Halpin, Doris Miller.

The Reading Chapter of the National Honor Society exists to encourage among Reading students the qualities of character, leadership, and service . . . Main projects this year . . . participating in N. H. S. Scholarship Program and increasing the Reading Chapter's scholarship fund through sales of book covers.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

First row, left to right: Nancy Luther, Maria Galante, Susan Searle, Sally Stewart. Second row: Joseph Haley, Kenneth Latham, Ann O'Brien, Thomas Halpin, Duncan Moodie, Merelyn Daniels, Richard De Long, Peter Bergholtz. Third row: Nancy Larson, Marion Towle, Judith Wilkinson, Nancy Fitzpatrick, Ruthann Sullivan, Bruce Kay, Cornelia Whitten, Edward Donley, Carolyn Blanchard, Rosalind McCullough, Priscilla Leslie, Charlotte Rosenkrans, Ann Dennison, Patricia Comstock. Fourth row: Susan Warford, Edwina Belzer, Kenneth Faulkner, Barry Hubbard, Richard Spinney, David Mathews, William Doherty, John Greene, Ronald Starr, Caroline Dube, Betty Ann Pease.



Composed of class officers, homeroom representatives, sports captains, *Pioneer* editors . . . directed by Mr. Spencer . . . attempts to help the school administration in matters which students can successfully carry out . . . An outstanding project, helping to raise funds to enable an RHS junior to participate in the Student Exchange Program.





### LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

Seated, left to right: Jane Holohon, Deborah Kopystecko, Jean Doucette, Nancy Shealey. Standing: Jane Mercier, Dole LaBelle, Judith Stone, Nancy Jones, Dorothy Mercier.

Our library workers spend at least two periods a week on regular desk duty assisting Mrs. Macdonald . . . gain an understanding of the organization of the library and its contribution to the school . . . publish the Library Bulletin . . . will form the nucleus of the prospective Library Club.

### DEBATING CLUB

Left to right: Mory Roe Kellett, Richard Peterson, Joan Oliver, Bruce Berger, Darlena Bugbee, Stephen Zeoli, Judith Blue, Jone Mercier, Richard DeLong, Linda Chesley, Kenneth Ross, Nancy Luther, William Gallagher, Janet Carlson.



Formed under the direction of Mr. McGrail, to develop among RHS students qualities of good citizenship and leadership . . . Members learn to express opinions with confidence and force and to appreciate the rights of others . . . engage in inter-school competitions.





## CHORUS

Front row, left to right: Dorothea Pierce, Bonnie Sanborn, Ann Cunningham, Beverly Savage, Jane Land, Elaine Gaw, Carol Oldenbrook, Joyce Jellison, Marie Peters, Janice Doucette. Second row: Roberta Riccio, pianist; Patricia Raymond, Ann Camacho, Gail Conti, Brenda Crovo, Janet Lundberg, Mary-Jane Leslie, Ann Jenkins, Janet Hosker, Carol Mangold, Theresa Dobbins, Margaret Pratt. Third row: Linda McKenney, Janet Lincoln, Carol Power, Diana deMasellis, Louise Frongillo, Janet Rock, Constance Briasco, Donna Stevens, Joyce Schofield. Fourth row: Mr. Quagenti, Norman Forsberg, John Miller, John Carter, Roger Livingston, Jesse Frye, Janis Butler, Shirley Gifford.

Vocal experience in the religious, secular and modern choral works is the goal of the Chorus . . . Delightful music emanating from the Chorus Room during Period 6 attests to the success of this group under the direction of Mr. Quagenti . . . A highlight of the year, the Christmas program.

## BAND

Front row, left to right: David Gaw, Gordon Barnes, Harold Mew, Mary Moore, Philip Dole, Donald Sillars, Elaine Bent, Nancy Briggs, Ronald Blake, William Cashman, Jeffrey Kean. Middle row: Mr. Quagenti, Barbara Miller, Ellen Killeen, Lynne Sutherland, Joan Mulley, Barbara Wilcox, Peter Hardy, William Freeman, Henry Bolton, Paul Gullam, William McGilvary, Frank Watson, Frances Bowen, Kenneth Woodside. Top row: Richard Curtis, Daniel Putnam, Richard Nelson, Alys Wilson, Robert Copp, Philip Congdon, Gordon Tibbetts, Janice Noseworthy, Douglas Barker, Janet Rock, Carol Weeks, Roger Livingstone.



Providing music at school and community functions is the agreeable and well-performed task of the RHS Band, under the direction of Mr. Quagenti . . . appeared at football games, assemblies, rallies, Christmas programs, parades . . . Major event of the year, a concert scheduled for May 12.





#### SENIOR EXECUTIVE BOARD

Seated, left to right: Priscilla Harrison, Merelyn Daniels, Duncan Moodie, Thomas Halpin, Ann O'Brien, Janet Guiliano. Standing: Patricia Carter, Carol Peterson, David Barrett, Charles Vars, Daniel Saunders, William Doherty, Judith Stone, Helen Taylor.

Led by our senior class officers and advised by Miss Nichols . . . the Senior Executive Board selected committees and formulated plans for all senior activities . . . the successful play, the Senior Prom, Class Day, the Senior Banquet, and finally our long-awaited Commencement Day.



Left to right: Lafayette Gosselin, Paul Gullam, Henry Bolton, Fred Miller, Albert Griggs, William Lovering; model, Susan Warford.

Organized to gain a working knowledge of photography while being of service to the school . . . the members snapped the shutters at sports events and took many candid shots around school . . . helped to shoot pictures for the *Pioneer* . . . have many plans for the future . . . Adviser is Mr. Bronner.



## SERVICE SQUAD

First row, left to right: Barbara Toothaker, Helen Taylor, Duncan Moodie, Merelyn Daniels, Charles Vars, Ann O'Brien, Thomas Halpin, Judith Stone, Priscilla Harrison. Second row: Carolyn Blanchard, Doris Miller, Carol Sanford, William Skinner, Florence Russell, John Miller, Linda French, Mary Hardy, Priscilla Leslie. Third row: Norman Forsberg, Leland Martin, Richard Spinney, Douglass Beeman, George Perry, Edouard Lassieur, Douglas Gordon, Richard Rogers.



A necessary innovation this year . . . a busy and responsible group formed by Miss Nichols to act as guides for the many visitors to the new RHS . . . did yeoman service for guests at Open House and P. T. A. meetings, and for all of us during the opening days of school.



## DRAMATIC CLUB

First row, left to right: William Skinner, Sandra Taylor, Charles Vars, Helen Taylor, Judith Partelow, Merelyn Daniels, Douglass Beeman, Mary Hardy, Barry Hubbard. Second row: Martha Russell, Frances Gordon, Dale LaBelle, Darlena Bugbee, David Wendell, Patricia Todsén, Thomas Halpin, Carolyn Moody, Janet Carlson. Third row: Mary Rae Kellett, Patricia Green, Donald Aiesi, Duncan Moodie, Richard Rogers, Carol Snyder, Ann Knox, Gail Wyman.

At a daily meeting seventh period, our dramatists are taught to understand, appreciate, and participate in all phases of good theater . . . Under the expert direction of Mr. Spencer, they have prepared two one-act plays, learned the techniques of makeup, and organized the Drama Festival.

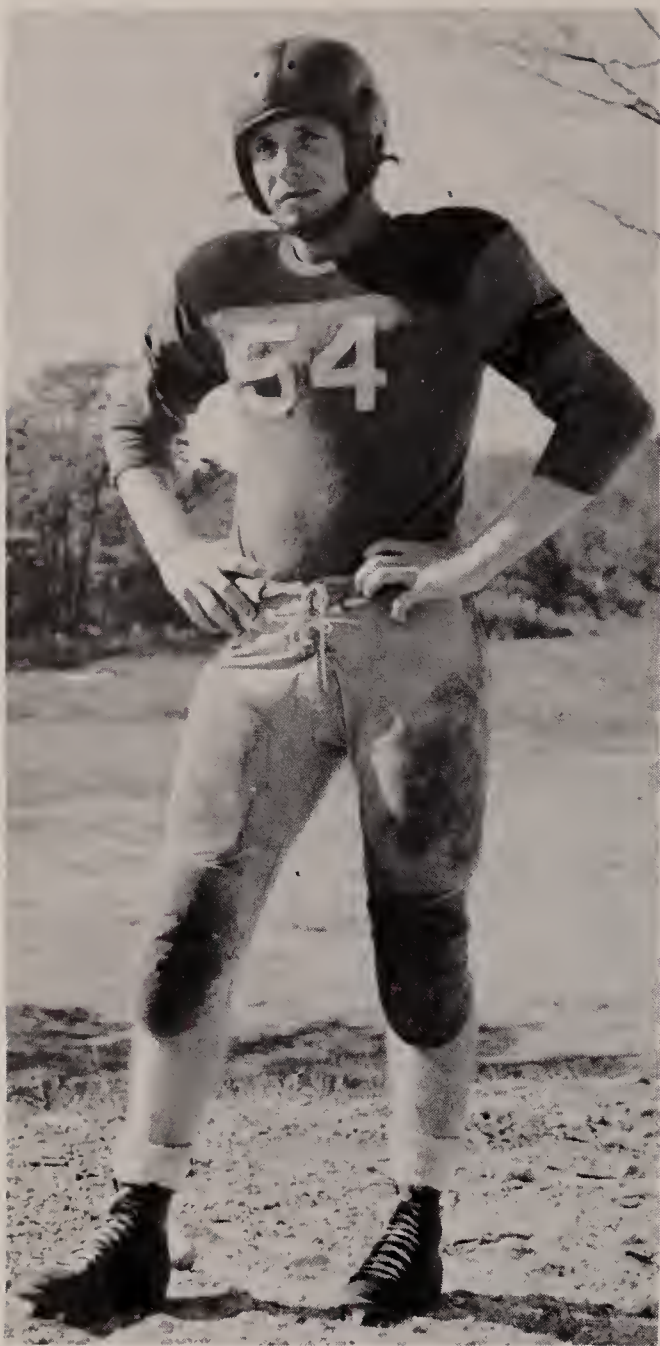


# ATHLETICS





# Football



Captain Ed Stanton

Although experiencing a lack of weight again this year, the Rockets overcame this handicap with speed, determination, and plenty of fight. Led on by Captain Ed Stanton and Tom Murray, the team enjoyed one of the most successful seasons in recent years.

One of the highlights of the season was the Woburn game. Although the score was 13-13, the tie was considered a moral victory for Reading because Woburn went on to become Class B champions. Against Winchester, always our most bitter opponent, we experienced our first defeat. In the annual Thanksgiving game, however, we overcame our traditional foe, Stoneham, 21-0.

We were proud to note that Tom Murray was elected to the All-Scholastic team by the Boston sportswriters. He is the first player from Reading to achieve this honor since 1927.

At the football banquet Jon Vedder received the Most Improved Player award and Tom Murray received the Ingersoll Trophy for outstanding play. Jack Howard was named captain for the next season.



VARSITY SQUAD

Front: William Hosker, Gerald Tower, Robert Doucette, Charles Clattenburg. First row: Curtis Parker, John Howard, Kenneth Latham, Jack Runge, Russell Runge, Captain Edward Stanton, Milton Robinson, Joseph Talbot, Jon Vedder, Thomas Murray. Second row: Fred Miller, John Miller, Conrad Ferrara, William Dalton, Daniel Jones, Barry Butler, Ted Surdam, Phil Mason, John Burhoe, Richard Poehler, Robert Meuse, John Turner, Warren Surette, Joseph Doherty, Everett King, Top row: Edward Wendell, Ralph Hayes, Nicholas Stokes, John Conway, Steven Cloughton, Robert Kennedy, James Sellers, Joseph Long, Edward Donnelly, William McMahon, Allen Castine, Richard Murdoch, Robert White, Willard Buddenbaugh, Francis Galvin.



## FOOTBALL SCORES

READING..... 6  
 VS.  
 WELLESLEY..... 6  
 READING.....24  
 VS.  
 SWAMPSCOTT.....13  
 READING.....31  
 VS.  
 DANVERS..... 0  
 READING.....13  
 VS.  
 WOBURN.....13  
 READING.....40  
 VS.  
 METHUEN..... 7

READING.....12  
 VS.  
 WINCHESTER.....13  
 READING..... 7  
 VS.  
 NORWOOD.....36  
 READING.....26  
 VS.  
 LEXINGTON..... 7  
 READING.....21  
 VS.  
 STONEHAM..... 0



Coaches Roewer, Crowley, and Bennett.



FRESHMAN SQUAD

Front row: Paul Demenkow, Dennis McCouley, Ronald Deferrari, Perrin Porkhurst, Richard Hoyt, John Harvey, William Dodge, John Killilea, David Beighley, Kenneth Faulkner. Middle row: Mr. Pacino, Kenneth Holtsberg, William Rogers, Peter Gale, Raymond Cutler, Ronald Starr, Walter Dykeman, Mr. Aldrich. Top row: Richard Dingwell, Edward Galvin, Philip Gregorio, Fred Brown, Robert Mason, Richard Hannon, William Platt, Mark Fellows.





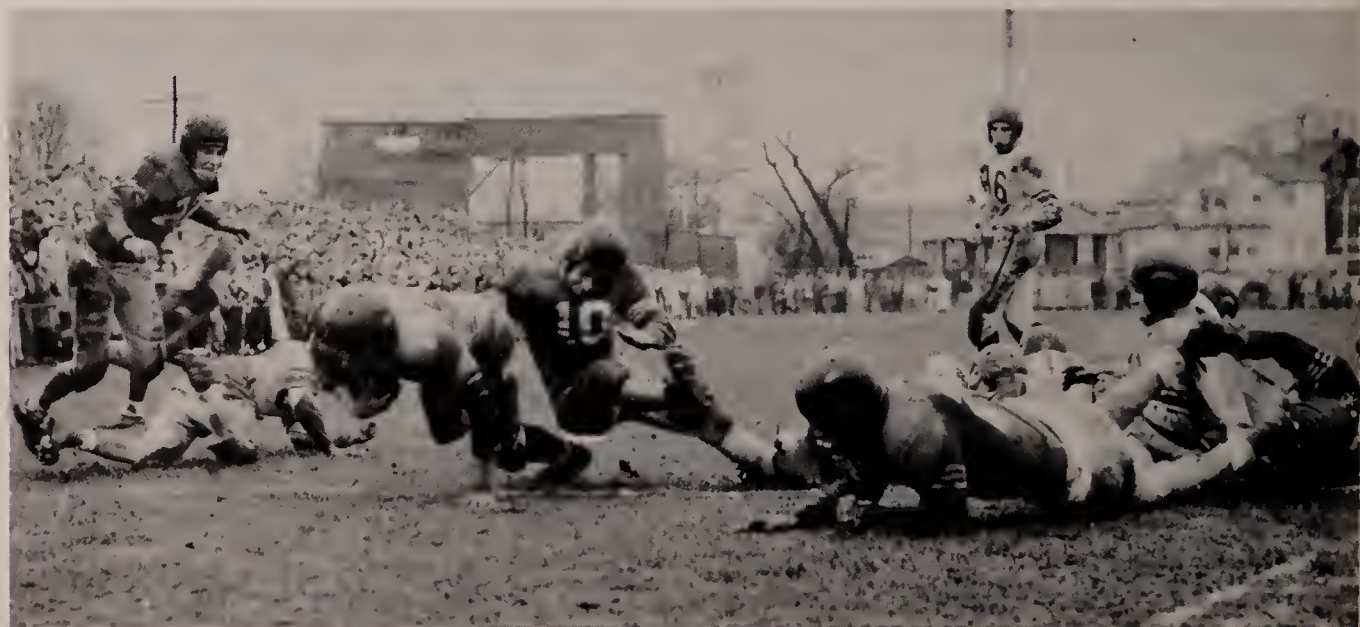
Captain Stanton tests the right side of the Stoneham defense.



Tom breaks into the clear again.



The traditional pre-game huddle.



Ed crashes through for a T. D., climaxing a long drive downfield.





Undaunted by the weather, the cheering section yells loud and long.



Another short gain brings the ball within scoring distance.



"Let's hurry it up," Coach Crowley urges the stragglers.





#### BATON SQUAD

Front, left to right: Morie Morden, Judith Johnston, Sondro Taylor, Patricia Mullen, Joan Leonord, Gretchen York, Joon Morden, Standing: Joyce Doherty, Lois Doiron, Alice Woolsey, Beverly Ronkin, Patricia Poehler, Violo Brennon, Goil Morin, Mory Leonord, Gail Porter, Carol Peterson.



#### CHEERLEADERS

Left to right: Jean Smith, Judith Partelow, Katherine Coneeney, Nancy Burpee, Patricia Kimboll, Football Queen Lorraine Crovo, Janet Kay, Ann O'Brien, Charlotte Cryts, Carol Stevenson, Deborah Milton.





#### BATON SQUAD

Front, left to right: Martha Herald, Carol Oldenbrook, Diane Robbins, Brenda Crovo, Janet Lundberg, June Fleming, Marie Marden. Rear, left to right: Dolores Surette, Patricia McKenney, Carol Leslie, Mavis Williams, Rolinda Durgin, Patricia Marshall, Barbara Conti, Shirley Smith, Barbara McLeod, Helen Youd.



#### TICKET AND PROGRAM GIRLS

Front row, left to right: Susan deBrigard, Beverly Boivin, Ann Tomlinson, Geraldine Crowe, Linda McKenney, Judith Stone, Nancy Jones, Barbara Nurmi, Jean Doucette, Patricia Carter. Second row: Joan Magliozzi, Leona Couturier, Linda French, Katherine Kramer, Carol Sanford, Mary Hardy, Edwina Belzer, Barbara Moulton.



# Basketball



Our basketball team got started very well as we defeated both Stoneham and Wakefield, but it soon became apparent that two factors — the team's lack of height, and the return of only two seniors, the co-captains, from last year's varsity squad — would handicap the team's chances of winning. Again, as in football, we met our first defeat at the hands of Winchester, the Class B champions.

One of the high spots of the season was the play of the junior members of the varsity team, sparked by next year's captain Don "McGill," the fourth leading scorer of the Middlesex League. Co-Captains Bill Doherty and Joe Talbot led the team brilliantly as they stole passes, set up plays, and showed the leadership that rated them their positions.

Late in the season it was learned that Co-Captain Joe Talbot had become ill. This misfortune affected not only the basketball team but also the whole student body, as Joey is liked by everyone in the school. We are all sincerely sorry that he is sick and hope that his recovery will be swift.

"Mac" on a jump shot, with Joey and Peter standing by.



## VARSITY

Front row, left to right: William Dalton, Russell Runge, Co-Captains Joseph Tolbot and William Doherty, Donald McGillicuddy, Peter Doherty. Second row, left to right: Student Manager Everett King, Kenneth Livingstone, Edouard Lassieur, John Erickson, Alon Moxwell, Donald Hill, John Burhoe, William Connors, Lawrence Kenney, Ralph Hayes, Coach Wolter Hawkes. Third row, left to right: Russell Norton, Richard DeLong, Frank Keon, John Tolbot, Edward Donley, Bruce Koy, Peter Bergholtz, Rolph Smith, Eugene Norton.



## BASKETBALL SCORES

WAKEFIELD.....	67-39
STONEHAM.....	73-51
WINCHESTER.....	61-71
MELROSE.....	49-48
BELMONT.....	52-80
CONCORD.....	68-69
LEXINGTON.....	51-48



A quick basket by "Randy" Smith adds two more points for the Rockets.

Russ goes up for a layup as Dalton moves in for rebound.



"Mac" drives around a Belmont defender.

WAKEFIELD.....	71-49
STONEHAM.....	57-40
WINCHESTER.....	47-54
MELROSE.....	51-49
BELMONT.....	58-75
CONCORD.....	62-73
LEXINGTON.....	63-65





### BASKETBALL

Seated, left to right: Barbara Kenny, Marjorie Brown, Joan Pantana, Patricia Mullen, Patricia Poehler, Ruthann Sullivan, Andrea Burhoe, Suzanne Peale, Viola Brennan, Martha Mathews, Ann Straut. Standing, left to right: Marilyn Guile, timer; Sandra Call, scarer; Patricia McKenney, Gail Jerauld, Betsy David, Jane Strout, Carol Snyder; first team captain, Barbara Hoyt; second team captain, Karen Mich; Barbara Sampson, Janet Baker, Nancy Fitzpatrick, Jane Mercier, Doris Miller, Marianne Sawyer, manager; Mrs. Nancy Petersan, coach.

A good team? . . . Yes! Baskets? . . . No! Still it all added up to a season of fun and profit for the girls basketball team. Good sportsmanship and enthusiasm were displayed as our girls took the court against Woburn, Melrose, Malden, Swampscott, and Lexington. Under the careful instruction of Mrs. Peterson and Miss Hilton, they acquired the skills of the game and developed a sincere love for it. Although handicapped by

lack of some gym equipment, the girls gave their opponents stiff competition. Barbara Hoyt's swishing baskets and the excellent guarding of Jane Mercier, Doris Miller, Joan Pantano, and Ann Strout will certainly be missed by next year's team. However, we expect that the 1956 season will bring flying colors and many victories for Reading High.



The first team demonstrates the jump in practice.





### GOLF TEAM

Front row, left to right: Peter Doherty, Gerald Tower, Jack Read, William Titcomb, William High. Second row: Robert Ducker, Newton Spurr, William Spinney, William Connors, Daniel Saunders, Arthur Brown, John Hogan, James Cunningham.



### TRACK TEAM

First row, left to right: Robert Doucette, Er Chang Ping, John Burhoe, Philip Mason, Jack Runge, Thomas Murray, Kenneth Latham, Donald Hill. Second row: David Beighley, Gilbert Adams, John Smith, Fred Miller, Dennis Macauley, Mr. Aldrich. Third row: Bert Lower, Douglas Gordon, Willard Buddenhagen, Douglas Burhoe, Robert Mason, John Turner, Warren Surette.



### BASEBALL

Front row, left to right: Bill Doherty, Raynor Gagnon, Jon Vedder, Charley Vars, Joe Doherty, Dick Bell, Russ Runge, Doug Beeman, Fred Miller. Back row, left to right: Jim Sellers, Dave Skinner, Dick Murdoch, Bob Kennedy, Bill Dalton, Tom Parker, Bill McMahon, Mr. Bennett. Captain Ronnie Ellis is not pictured.



# SENIORS







# Class History

Can you imagine it, classmates — we're actually seniors! Twelve years have passed since our timid, rebellious little feet led us to those shiny desks on our first day of school. The smell of books and wood floors and varnished desks has since greeted us every fall; and this fall brought the added smells of new wood and fresh paint — a brand-new high school greeting us and bidding us farewell all in this school year. But how did we get here so fast? Was it actually almost three years ago that we, a group of excited sophomores, entered the old high school for the first time? Yes, 1952 — that was the year we drew our first stroke on a fresh canvas for our mural entitled "Class of '55."

Our picture began with a flourish as we entered the high school spirit with our newly elected officers: president, Tom Halpin; vice-president, Duncan Moodie; secretary, Merelyn Daniels; treasurer, Ann O'Brien. These active students maintained their positions and led us through our remaining two years.

Adding a splash of color, we brightened the scene with the Sophomore Hop; and we were proud to know that our Hop was the most successful RHS had known. Football games, exams, and student activities lend interesting variety to our picture, and we notice in this scene that we then were becoming a part of things. In our junior year, standing more on our own, we painted a bright setting for a very lively and successful year. A gay cloud of fun and fancy ushered in our dances. Roses meant our Junior Prom; stardust, our reception dance for the seniors. Dramatics, Pioneer Staff, Chorus and Camera Club — all added to the scene of enjoyment. Serious strokes with studies and student government formed an important part of the picture as we realized the importance of what we were receiving in vital truths of education.

As the beginning of another fall added the spicy colors of autumn to our canvas, we knew that this year we would complete our mural. Amid the autumn tones there gleamed a shiny new building in which we were to spend our last year, as seniors.

Sports appeared first on the new setting, with our football captain, Eddie Stanton, in the center. It was a year of success for us, climaxed by a victory over Stoneham in our Thanksgiving Day game. Our spirited group of cheerleaders and the baton squad helped to drive the chill away on those memorable Saturday afternoons.

February arrived and we sketched a smiling mask upon the mural, for the curtain had been drawn on the second successful night of our Senior Play, *Our Town*, which was acknowledged by all as an outstanding performance.

Once again the scene became a sober one. Serious business was at hand when suddenly we felt the fast approach of graduation day. Midyears, college boards, achievement tests, finals, college applications, and other plans for the future occupied most of our time. "Graduation and then what?" seemed to be foremost in our minds.

Then, as though the sun had suddenly burst from behind a cloud, traces of spring dropped from our brushes and a bright array of long-awaited events sprang into view. Our memorable Senior Prom, Baccalaureate, Class Day, the Senior Banquet and — what? Was that actually Graduation Day being added to the scene? With a sudden desire to erase the whole picture and begin again, and with sudden anticipation for all that lies ahead, we stood back to admire our wonderful, eventful mural. This was our class.

And now, as we add the finishing touches, we notice all the little sketches that have suddenly become so great in our memories. We realize a deep gratitude for all the work our devoted faculty has put into molding us for the future, and we add a glistening hue to all the affectionate memories we shall treasure of our high school days and friends.

Now, classmates, it's time to roll up that mural. Beyond the summer horizon there awaits each one of us a fresh new canvas.





THOMAS F. HALPIN  
26 Linden Street

Popular honor student . . . Class President for three years . . . member of Pioneer Staff, Service Squad, Dramatic Club, N. H. S., Student Council . . . chief interests include skiing and his Model A . . . plans to take a pre-med course at Boston College.

## Class Officers



DUNCAN M. MOODIE  
211 Main Street

"Dunc" wants civil engineering via M. I. T. . . . Master Councilor of De-Molay . . . loves outdoor sports, and Latin with Mr. Spencer . . . active in Student Council, National Honor Society, Senior Executive Board . . . Vice-President of our class for three years.



MERELYN C. DANIELS  
1252 Main Street

Friendly Merelyn . . . three years our Class Secretary . . . member of Student Council, Senior Executive Board, Senior Play cast, Service Squad, Rainbow Worthy Advisor . . . Assistant Editor of Pioneer . . . a liberal arts college and then assured success for Merelyn.



ANN K. O'BRIEN  
15 Lee Street

"O'B" . . . our peppy head cheerleader . . . plans to attend Fisher College or Merrimack . . . hopes to be a secretary or dental hygienist . . . she was our efficient Treasurer three years . . . member of girls basketball team and Student Council.

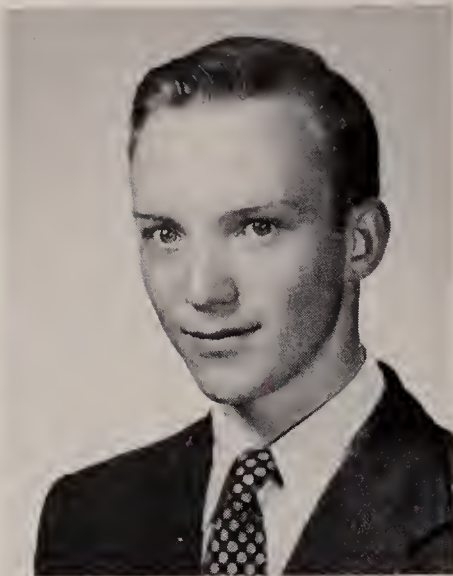




DAVID R. ABBOTT

4 Roosevelt Road, North Reading

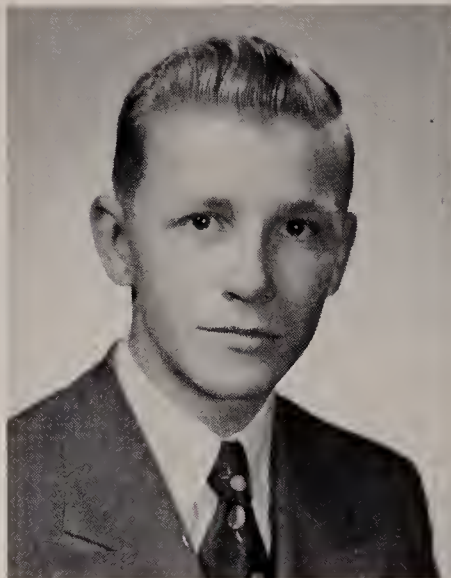
Generous Dave . . . plans to attend a small liberal arts college . . . dislikes this year's shorter lunch periods . . . ambition, to own a Jaguar . . . enjoyed volley-ball games and math courses . . . bowling, cars, and boats all attract Dave.



CARL W. AMERO

249 Haverhill Street, North Reading

"Sonny" . . . quiet and well liked . . . plans to work next year . . . to be a state trooper is his ambition . . . swimming is his favorite relaxation . . . chose physics as top subject . . . one of many who appreciated the new auditorium.



LEONARD E. ANDERSON

362 Summer Avenue

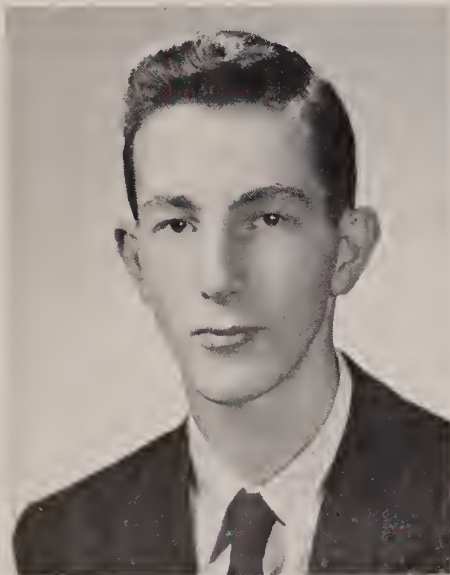
Lenny . . . well-liked by everyone . . . his plans for advanced school are undecided . . . however, Lenny professes an ambition to make over \$100 a week . . . his chief interests are automobiles and boats . . . algebra and physics were his favorites.



PATRICIA R. ARNOLD

18 Arlington Street

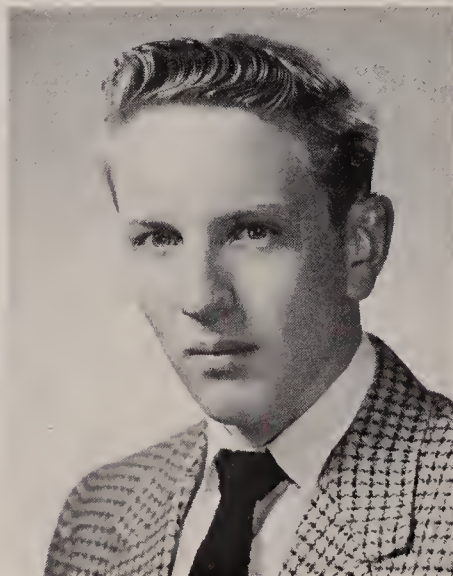
"Pat" plans to attend business school next year . . . enjoys United States History and music . . . member of Program Girls and Chorus . . . her chief interest is singing . . . would like to make it her career.



PAUL W. BARRETT

20 Gardner Road

Paul will be remembered for his ready wit and good humor . . . future plans are undecided . . . his ambition, to be a mechanical engineer . . . automobiles and mechanics occupied most of his spare time . . . favorite memory, home-room with Barb.



W. DAVID BARRETT

461 West Street

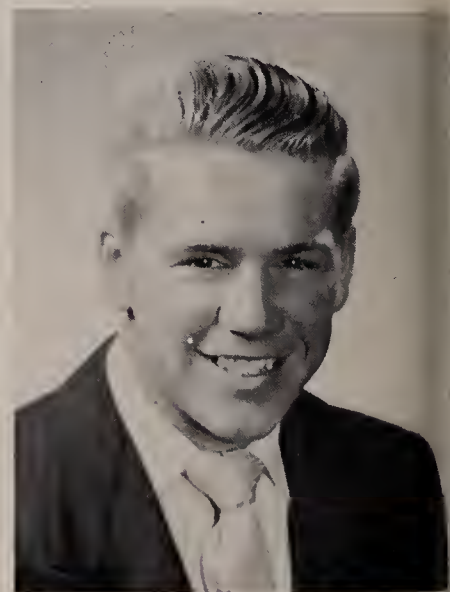
Dave was a member of the Senior Executive Board . . . played baseball and skied . . . helped out on the Pioneer Business Staff . . . physics classes will become a favorite memory . . . hopes to major in business administration at college.



DOUGLASS M. BEEMAN

111 High Street

Doug's ambition is to get through college . . . will attend either Boston College or Merrimack . . . a member of the baseball team and an ardent skier . . . loves history and the gymnasium . . . member of Pioneer Editorial Staff and the Chorus.



RICHARD BELL

27 Intervale Terrace

Dick intends to join the Marine Corps after graduation . . . a member of the baseball team . . . he rates hockey one of his chief interests . . . claims his favorite subject is physics with Murray and Butler.





CAROLYN R. BLANCHARD  
379 Haverhill Street

Friendly Carolyn . . . diligent member of the National Honor Society . . . active in Pioneer Business Staff, J. W. C. and Rainbow . . . member of Student Council and girls basketball . . . enjoyed all math courses . . . will attend Forsyth Dental School next year.



NANCY BURPEE  
178 Wakefield Street

One of our cutest cheerleaders . . . possessor of a sweet personality . . . next year will find Nancy at teachers college . . . votes Modern European History and driver education as favorite subjects . . . member of the girls basketball team.



BEVERLY A. BOIVIN  
273 Park Street, North Reading  
"Bev" . . . rated Algebra II with Mr. Halpin and Office Practice tops . . . member of Pioneer Typing Staff and a Program Girl . . . her ambition is to become a secretary . . . plans to attend the Stenotype Institute after graduation.



ELAINE B. CARR  
Emerson Road, North Reading  
Elaine, the girl with the beautiful eyes . . . enjoyed Stenography I and II . . . appreciates the new gym . . . may attend Katherine Gibbs next fall . . . member of Pioneer Business Staff . . . won't forget all the good times with "the girls."



J. ARTHUR BROWN  
78 Summer Avenue

"Art" . . . plans to work after graduating . . . chief interest is hunting . . . will always remember chemistry with Mr. Pope . . . science is a favorite subject . . . "Art" appreciates the Shop most of all the features in the new school.



PATRICIA E. CARTER  
12 Auburn Street

"Pat" . . . always ready with a joke . . . won't forget drivers education with Mr. Bronner . . . active in Rainbow . . . lunch cashier, ticket seller, and member of Senior Executive Board . . . after graduation she hopes to be a telephone operator.



NANETTE BURNS

Francis Street, North Reading

"Nan" . . . always has a smile to make things look brighter . . . next year it's I.B.M. school for "Nan" . . . rollerskating is her chief interest . . . scholastically, English rates high . . . her personality should carry her to success.



ANNE CHAPUT

Old Andover Road, North Reading

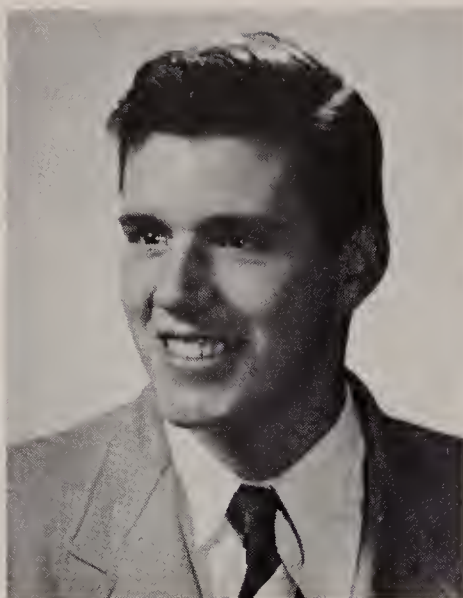
"Little Anne" is undecided about her ambitions after graduating . . . thinks she'll probably go to school . . . among her favorite hobbies are swimming and ice-skating . . . Anne enjoys lunch periods . . . history with Mr. Bennett won her approval.





**JOHN CLIMO**  
122 John Street

"Jackie" . . . quiet and liked by all . . . called math his favorite subject . . . his best-liked sports include baseball and basketball, and he certainly approves of the new gym . . . Jackie's big ambition is to be successful.



**ALLEN COKER**  
103 County Road

His ambition is to run his own business, says "Coke" . . . Uncle Sam will decide where Al will be next year, however . . . his chief interest is Bev . . . favorite memory of RHS will be Mrs. Cutcliffe's English class.



**KATHERINE F. CONEENEY**  
13 Temple Street

"Kate" . . . one of our personable cheerleaders . . . plans to attend Merrimack College to prepare for a career as a legal secretary . . . member of *Pioneer* Profile Staff . . . found her courses in driver education and algebra most enjoyable.



**BARBARA A. CONTI**  
177 Woburn Street

Barb's ambition is to travel and to work for the government as a secretary . . . enjoys dancing . . . belonged to the Baton Squad and the Business Staff of the *Pioneer* . . . will remember working with the girls.



**DOROTHY A. COOK**  
Burroughs Road, North Reading

Dottie . . . friendly and fun-loving . . . hopes to attend Northeastern University . . . her ambition is to do government work of some kind . . . her hobby, driving . . . her favorite subject, driver education . . . we think she's headed for success.



**LEONA A. COUTURIER**  
217 Woburn Street

Industrious "Lee" served the *Pioneer* on the Typing and Business Staffs . . . transferred from Winchester this year . . . a Program Girl . . . likes to recall Miss Batchelder's English class . . . her ambition is to become a brigadier-general's secretary.



**LORRAINE CROVO**  
62 Deering Street

"Rainy" . . . our very pretty football queen and efficient Program Girl . . . she is undecided about what her plans will be for next year . . . her favorite subject was home economics . . . skiing and swimming are her favorite sports.



**GERALDINE M. CROWE**  
77 Bancroft Avenue

Next year "Gerry" plans to work for the Boston and Maine Railroad . . . dancing and rollerskating occupy her weekends . . . favorite subject, math . . . enjoys the light and space in the cafeteria . . . in the future, a homemaker.





CHARLOTTE M. CRYTS  
145 Village Street

Vivacious "Chy" . . . an enthusiastic cheerleader for two years . . . wants to work for the F. B. I. . . will always remember a certain Marine . . . favorite memories — Mr. Bennett, driver education . . . member of Pioneer Typing Staff.



BARBARA DE MAR  
249 Forest Street

Friendly Barb . . . plans to attend the University of Vermont . . . main ambition, to be successful . . . active member of 4-H . . . enjoys horseback riding . . . favorite subject, Latin . . . member of the Pioneer Profile Staff and Homeroom Collectors.



ANN M. CULLINANE  
33 Beacon Street

"Shorty" . . . just over five feet . . . next year she will take up nursing at Lowell General Hospital . . . activities at R. H. S. include Chorus and Glee Club . . . Ann will never forget fourth-period driver education class with Mr. Bronner.



ELIZABETH DE MAR  
249 Forest Street

Wants to attend Massachusetts Art School . . . Betty is an avid horsewoman . . . enjoys swimming and oil painting . . . likes Algebra II with Mr. Fitzgerald . . . a member of the Play Reading Committee and the cast of Our Town.



ELIZABETH D. CURRIE  
239 West Street

Betty plans to work after graduating and has hopes of marrying that "Rebel Soldier" . . . her favorite subject was driver education with Mr. Bronner . . . practical Betty is very pleased with the dishwasher in the school kitchen.



Gael N. DESMOND  
8 Center Avenue

Full of fun is "Desi" . . . her plans for the future are still indefinite . . . enjoyed Mr. Aldrich's U. S. History classes best of all at R. H. S. . . . member of Chorus . . . found the new study hall especially pleasant.



RUSSELL D. DALEY  
16 Winter Street

Russ plans either to attend a business school or to join the Air Force . . . his ambition is to become a pilot . . . hockey and swimming are his favorite recreations . . . history with Mr. Aldrich was a favorite subject.



DOLORES DEVANEY  
151 Woburn Street

Fun-loving "Dee" . . . found Mr. Spencer's Latin classes extremely enjoyable . . . Pioneer Business and Profile Staffs were among her activities . . . swimming rates high with "Dee" . . . next year Merrimack College will welcome this active lass.





JOSEPH P. DOHERTY  
98 Hartshorn Street

"Pat" . . . an all-round athlete . . . hockey, football and baseball are his chief interests . . . Pat enjoyed math with Tom Murray and Mr. Crowley . . . next year it will be the Marines for this good-looking boy.



WILLIAM C. DOHERTY  
23 Mineral Street

Tall, good-looking, and quiet . . . Bill plans to attend Northeastern . . . chief ambition, to get to and through college . . . member of the Student Council, National Honor Society, Senior Executive Board, Profile Staff, basketball and baseball teams.



LOIS DOIRON  
75 Green Street

Versatile — that's "Lo" . . . key member of the Baton Squad for three years . . . member of Profile Staff . . . enjoys Canteen and basketball . . . will never forget Mr. Bennett's history class . . . next fall "Lo" will attend a school of nursing.



VIRGINIA M. DOLAN  
124 Howard Street

"Ginger" will be remembered for her pleasant disposition . . . member of the basketball team . . . dancing, football games, and baseball occupy her spare time . . . hopes to attend business school and then achieve success as a private secretary.



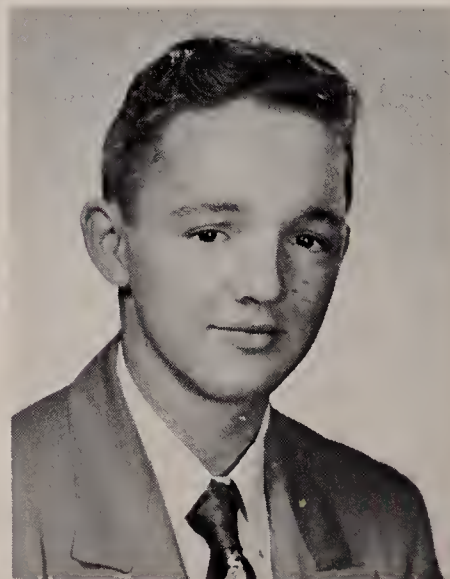
JEAN C. DOUCETTE  
40 Shackford Road

"Jeanie" . . . our lively ticket seller . . . elects math with Mr. Fitzgerald as favorite subject . . . Student Council, Library Club and Pioneer Business Staff keep her busy . . . Jeanie is still indefinite about future plans, but will attend college.



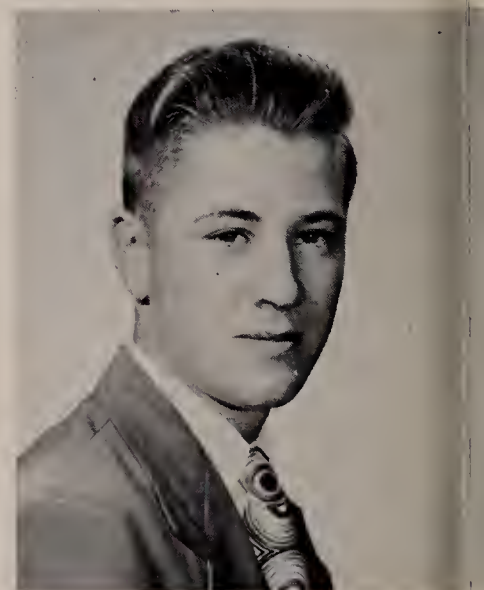
PAUL J. DOUCETTE  
10 E Street

To work for his father after graduation is Paul's present plan, although his ambition is to travel and see the world . . . football is among his chief interests . . . like many of us, he enjoys the new cafeteria.



ROY V. DOUCETTE  
29 Center Avenue

Roy plans to work in Reading after graduation . . . skating and girls are his chief interests . . . he appreciated the new school gym . . . would like to enjoy a successful future . . . math and science were his favorite subjects.



LAWRENCE J. DUFFY  
16 Tennyson Road

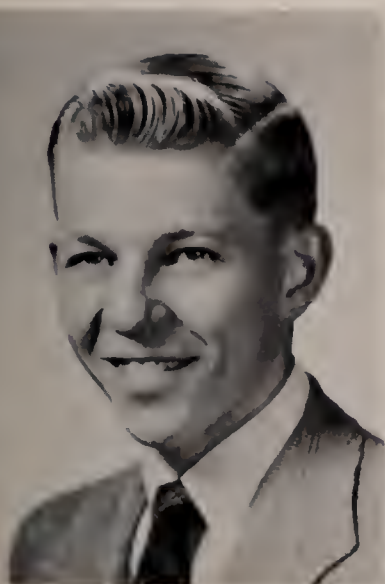
"Larry" rates girls and football his chief interests . . . a member of the Pioneer Art Staff . . . will never forget history with Mr. Aldrich . . . wishes to travel to California . . . after graduation he plans to attend Wentworth Institute.





JAMES W. DUNN  
76 Washington Street

Hopes to own a brand new 1956 Mercury and drive to California . . . considers the well-equipped shop the best feature of the new school . . . Jimmy shares some opinions with Mr. Aldrich . . . will always remember seventh period.



NORMAN A. FORSBERG  
8 Morgan Park

"Norm" loves U. S. History and lunch . . . heading for a school of floral designing . . . hopes to own his own greenhouses and become a successful horticulturist . . . a member of the Band, Orchestra, and Chorus.



ISABELLE EISENHAURE  
Haverhill Street, North Reading  
"Izzi" will be remembered for her hand-span waistline . . . art and music appreciation are rated tops among her subjects at R. H. S. . . . her future plans are uncertain . . . we hope that "Izzi" will continue her art work.



ROBERT A. FOSTER  
23 Smith Avenue

Bob . . . one of the quiet boys of our class . . . hopes to attend trade school after graduation . . . bowling, boating, and traveling are among Bob's interests . . . thankful for the opportunities afforded him by the new Shop.



RONALD J. ELLIS  
14 Libby Avenue

Ron's ambition is to graduate and then join the Air Force . . . an all-around sport enthusiast . . . captain of our baseball team . . . a valuable member of our football and basketball teams . . . likes the new gym.



LINDA C. FRENCH  
1137 Main Street

Next year "Lin" plans to attend a business school . . . chief ambition, to become a secretary . . . favorite subject, driver education with Mr. Bronner . . . member of the Pioneer Business Staff . . . Program Girl . . . loyal member of Rainbow.



HERBERT S. FERREN

Marblehead Street, North Reading  
"Scoop" won many friends while at R.H.S. . . . enjoys skiing and skating . . . favorite subjects were all maths and physics . . . member of Profile Staff and Science Club . . . a liberal arts college or engineering school beckons Herb after graduation.



ANNE R. GAFFNEY  
26 Summer Avenue

Anne . . . quiet and reserved . . . desires to live in California . . . includes skating, skiing, and basketball on her list of favorite sports . . . will remember Office Practice as her favorite subject . . . is pleased with the new auditorium and cafeteria.





**RAYNOR GAGNON**  
9 Harold Avenue

Shy, good-natured "Pee Wee" . . . a snappy member of the baseball team . . . plans to enter Northeastern next year to study engineering . . . baseball and automobiles occupy his spare time . . . enjoys recollections of algebra class.



**JOSEPH E. GALLAGHER**  
35 Fairview Avenue

Joe . . . a future college professor . . . hopes to attend either Harvard or Bowdoin . . . will be remembered for all those A's . . . naturally, a member of the National Honor Society . . . Joe selects English as his favorite subject.



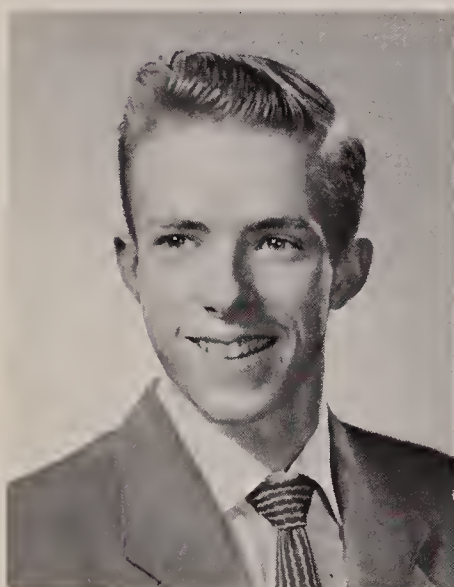
**JANET E. GIULIANO**  
23 Hampshire Road

Quiet "Jan" . . . had a friendly smile for everyone . . . football games and swimming are among her many interests . . . enjoyed the typing course . . . member of the Senior Executive Board . . . Janet hopes to do office work after graduation.



**DOROTHY M. GLOVER**  
Valley Road, North Reading

Dark-haired "Dottie" . . . hopes to become a stenographer after graduation . . . rollerskating and bowling are among her interests . . . art is her best liked subject . . . the most outstanding innovation at R.H.S. is the cafeteria, says Dottie.



**DOUGLAS H. GORDON**  
20 Prospect Street

Doug has been active in many affairs . . . earned his letter on the track team . . . member of ushers at Senior Play and of *Pioneer* staff . . . DeMolay officer . . . plans to attend the University of New Hampshire and become a chemist.



**MARILYN J. GUILLE**  
Taylor Road, North Reading

"Chee-Chee" . . . aspires to be an office receptionist, hopes to attend secretarial school at Burdett . . . enjoyed music appreciation and seventh-period English . . . enjoys all sports . . . especially partial to basketball . . . with her winning personality she's sure to succeed.



**MARY C. HARDY**  
21 Indiana Avenue

The Principia beckons to Mary . . . claims Math C.P.3 as her favorite subject . . . enjoys reading and sailing . . . member of the *Pioneer* Business Staff, Service Squad, and Dramatic Club . . . one of our Ticket Girls.



**PRISCILLA HARRISON**  
17 Dunbar Road

Framingham Teachers College will welcome this petite miss in September . . . memories of Mr. Roewer's Spanish class and driver education will linger . . . Profile and Business Staffs, Baton Squad, Service Squad, and 4-H occupy "Prill's" spare time.





ARTHUR R. HATHAWAY  
86 Grand Street

All the high-school math courses held a fascination for this lad . . . "Art" considers the new building to be a great improvement over the old . . . he will take his new diploma to Tufts Engineering School.



WILLIAM B. HIGH  
59 Berkeley Street

ly . . . a basketball player as well as a golf enthusiast . . . hopes to attend prep school next year . . . ambition to own his own business . . . Billy as a member of our Senior Executive board.



SANDRA HELPARD  
134 Washington Street

"Sandy" . . . has won many friends during her three years at R. H. S. . . . noted for her wonderful sense of humor . . . her after-graduation plans point toward marriage . . . [Sandy won't forget music appreciation or that wonderful 2:30 bell.



BARBARA P. HOYT  
Meade Road, North Reading

Next year it's off to Sargent for "Barb" . . . later she plans to be a physical education teacher . . . sports are tops with her . . . a high scorer on the basketball team . . . member of the Pioneer Business Staff.



PAUL R. HENDERSON  
6 Brande Court

"Hendy" . . . his ambition is to have his own business . . . woodworking and cars consume his spare time . . . enjoyed science class most . . . next year Paul plans to work in a garage or in the field of industrial arts.



BARRY W. HUBBARD  
8 Tennyson Road

Barry's chief ambition is to enter the foreign service after attending Harvard . . . efficient Co-Editor of the Pioneer . . . member of the Student Council, National Honor Society and Senior Play . . . active member of DeMolay . . . favorite subject, history.



SHIRLEY J. HENDERSON  
43 Longwood Road

"Shirl" . . . plans to go into office work as a secretary next year . . . remembers Secretarial Practice with Miss Kling and waiting patiently for the 2:30 bell . . . appreciates the great expanse of windows in the new school.



YVONNE B. JANNELLE

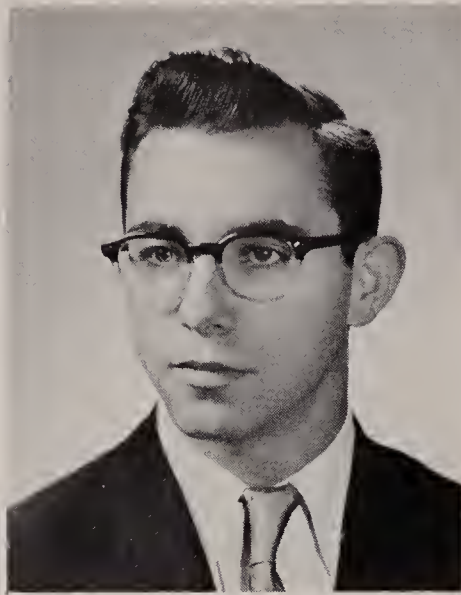
16 Marblehead Street, North Reading  
One of the many new students in Reading, "Von" transferred from Lynn English High . . . her ambition is to become a doctor's secretary . . . bowling is her favorite sport . . . her school interests seem to center around typing.





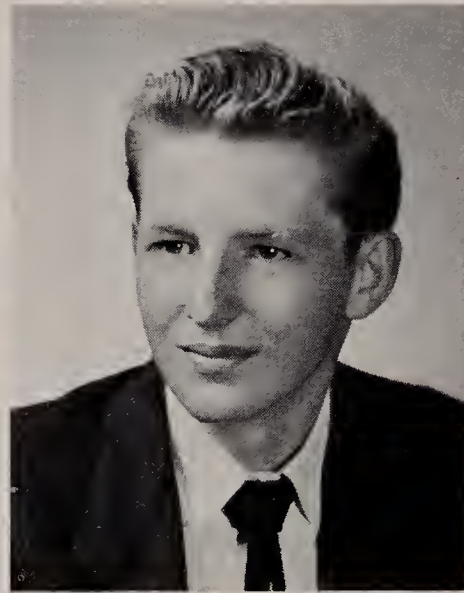
**SALLY JENKINS**  
464 Summer Avenue

"Sal" . . . a player on the girls basketball team . . . ranked English as her favorite subject . . . enjoys skiing . . . the new desks have an attraction for her . . . expects to attend Wilfred Academy . . . would like to become a hairdresser.



**ROBERT K. JENNEY**  
40 Auburn Street

Bob plans a naval career . . . would like to become an electronics engineer . . . enjoyed all the sciences and has a strong interest in automotive mechanics . . . a favorite at dances . . . has a keen sense of humor.



**KENNETH P. JONES**  
3 Westcroft Road

Reserved Ken has no immediate plans for the future . . . chief interest is hockey . . . regrets that the new school has no team . . . remembers homeroom with Miss Cox . . . patiently awaited the 2:30 bell . . . wished for less homework.



**NANCY L. JONES**  
685 Hoverhill Street

A very popular girl . . . member of Pioneer Business Staff, Chorus, and Ticket Girls . . . driver education with Mr. Bronner was her favorite subject . . . enjoyed Rainbow, Canteen, and skating . . . wants to attend Boston State Teachers College.



**JANET E. KAY**  
50 Grand Street

Janet's ambition is to be happy and successful . . . her interests include football games, dances, J. W. C., and Rainbow . . . her activities embrace Profile Staff and cheerleading . . . favorite memory, Junior Prom with Dick . . . next year, it's junior college.



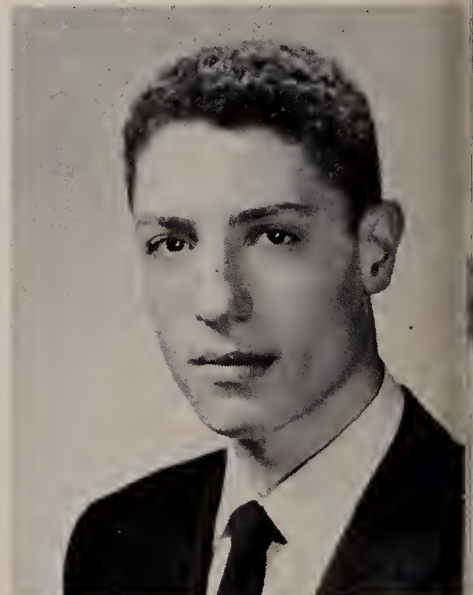
**KATHERINE A. KRAMER**  
184 Pleasant Street

"Kathie" . . . a member of the Profile Staff, Senior Play cast, a Program Girl and Ticket Seller . . . enjoyed Canteen and ice-skating . . . liked chemistry with Mr. Pope . . . plans to attend Framingham State Teachers College and then become a dietitian.



**DALE T. LaBELLE**  
58 Springvale Road

Profile Editor of Pioneer . . . member of the National Honor Society and Senior Play Cast . . . Dale's diverse interests range from coins to cryptography . . . will attend the University of Massachusetts to prepare for college teaching or government service.



**ADRIANO LA REGINA**  
134 Wakefield Street

Adriano . . . our Italian exchange student . . . plans to take up archeology upon entering the University of Rome . . . took part in our Senior Play . . . very reserved, this curly-haired boy proved adept at picking up American slang.





EDOUARD L. LASSIEUR  
26 Bear Hill Road

Friendly Ed . . . prominent member of the track and basketball teams . . . intends to design airplanes after graduating from Boston University . . . an avid baseball and hockey fan . . . member of Service Squad . . . won't forget those interesting history classes.



PRISCILLA M. LESLIE  
245 West Street

"Pat" . . . efficient telephone operator of the future . . . she enjoyed art classes with Miss Roy for three years . . . activities included Student Council, Pioneer Art Staff, Service Squad . . . main interest is a certain brown-eyed boy.



JEAN MARIE LEBOUCHER  
52 Intervale Terrace

This sweet mademoiselle plans to work for the telephone company next year . . . however, her real desire is to be a writer . . . chose English as her favorite subject . . . she enjoys reading and listening to music.



CYNTHIA V. LIVINGSTON  
Old Andover Road, North Reading

Tall, quiet "Cindy" from the north has no special plans for the future . . . friendly to everyone . . . typing and bookkeeping are among her favorite subjects . . . appreciates the individual lockers in the corridors . . . ambition is to be successful.



JOAN C. LEONARD  
73 Salem Street

"Joanie" was a member of the Pioneer Profile Staff, the Baton Squad, Senior Play Program Girls, and J. W. C. . . . called Mr. Bennett and Mr. Crowley her favorite teachers . . . will attend business school and become a secretary.



ALBERT W. LOWE  
72 John Carver Road

Bert . . . that lad with the Southern drawl . . . plans to be a scientist after college . . . ardent Math IV student . . . likes jazz, swimming, science fiction . . . active in DeMolay . . . participated in the Senior Play and Pioneer work.



MARY PATRICIA LEONARD  
7 Winthrop Avenue

"Pat" . . . active member of the Baton Squad and Pioneer Art Staff . . . plans to attend the Massachusetts School of Art next year . . . her ambition is to design clothes or to model . . . her favorite subject, naturally, Art III.



DONALD E. MacDERMOD  
96 West Street

Next year the service will occupy most of Don's time. His main interests now include cars, guns, and girls . . . he greatly appreciates the new auto shop . . . Don ranks shop and history as his favorite subjects.





**WILLIAM H. MacDERMOD**  
96 West Street

Industrious Bill . . . hopes to work for General Electric next year . . . after that, to own a shiny, new Caddy . . . remembers mechanical drawing among his favorite subjects and lunch as one of his favorite school postimes.



**JOYCE M. MacMILLAN**  
863 Main Street

Attractive Joyce will soon be saying "Number Please" . . . was an ardent advertising solicitor for the Pioneer Business Staff . . . enjoyed playing basketball . . . her favorite subject was driver education . . . enjoys riding horses as well as driving cars.



**JOAN M. MAGLIOZZI**

4 Concord Street, North Reading

"Joonie" . . . warmhearted and efficient . . . a future private secretary . . . ranks typing as favorite school subject . . . capable secretary to Mr. Pacino . . . Program Girl and member of Pioneer Typing Staff . . . appreciated the spacious individual lockers.



**JOHN P. MARDEN**  
23 Chestnut Road

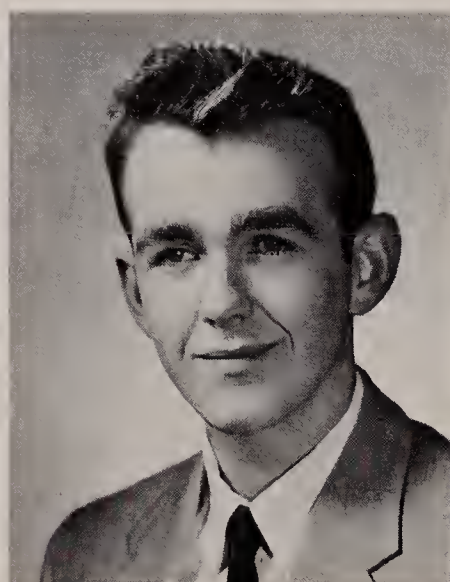
Even-tempered Johnny plans to attend the University of Massachusetts . . . his ambition is to hold a good position in life . . . enjoys football . . . favorite subject, physics . . . member of Glee Club . . . "Mard's" personality is tops.



**PATRICIA M. MARSHALL**

8 Burroughs Road, North Reading

Plans are still undecided for "Pat" . . . desires to attend a school of journalism . . . member of Baton Squad and Chorus . . . rated history and English tops . . . remembers home-room periods during junior year.



**LELAND E. MARTIN**  
20 Green Street

Friendly "Lee" will become an engineer after attending Lowell Tech because of his special interest in physics . . . a member of the high school Service Squad . . . enjoys baseball and skiing . . . fishing and hunting also interest Lee.



**DON W. MASON**  
127 Prospect Street

Don will attend Lowell Tech in September . . . intends to become an electrical engineer . . . skiing and spear-fishing are his interests . . . remembers Miss Zimmermann's biology class . . . likes math . . . member of Profile Staff and Senior Play technical crew.



**DAVID MATHEWS**  
36 Sanborn Street

A member of the Student Council, Service Squad, Band, Dramatic Club Pioneer Business Staff, and an actor in the Senior Play . . . a DeMolay Master Councillor . . . liked chemistry classes . . . Dave is uncertain about his college plans.





FRANCES Y. McCABE  
60 Willow Street

Fran . . . intends to become a competent secretary in Boston . . . will remember the football games and school dances . . . hopes to obtain an interesting position and lead her own life . . . enjoyed Mr. Bronner's course in driving.



JANE L. MERCIER  
30 Burroughs Road, North Reading

Ever-helpful Jane looks forward to working at the First National Bank of Boston . . . ambition is to hold a good job . . . basketball team and Program Girls kept her occupied . . . claimed history and English as favorite subjects.



RUTH J. McDONALD  
3 Swan Road

Ruthie . . . with the pleasant personality . . . rated Setretarial Practice high . . . ambition, to be a private secretary . . . is thankful for the new individual lockers . . . chairman of the Pioneer Typing Staff . . . is headed for success in her chosen field.



DORIS A. MILLER  
455 Grove Street

"Dodo" . . . a quiet, friendly classmate who loves all outdoor activities . . . her main ambition is to be happy . . . member of the National Honor Society, Pioneer Business and Art Staffs, and girls basketball team . . . enjoyed chemistry classes.



MARJORIE E. McINTIRE  
Railroad Avenue, North Reading  
"Marge" . . . pleasant and tranquil . . . looks forward to happy married life soon after graduation . . . principal interests are home-making and "Johnny" . . . the long walks to the art room and classes with Miss Roy are favorite memories.



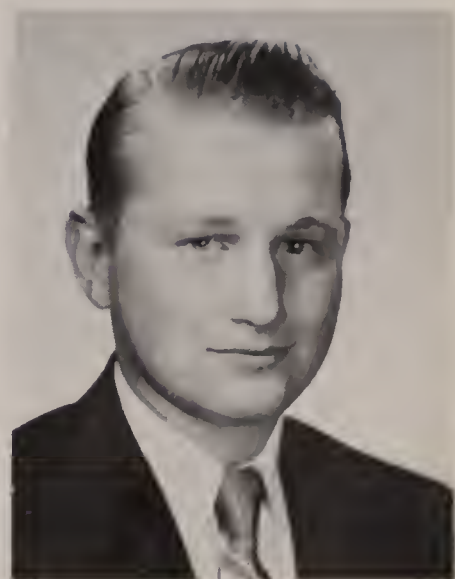
FREDERICK W. MILLER  
16 Spring Street

Undecided between work or the service next year . . . DeMolay, basketball, baseball, being Youth Council President, and Cecilia occupied most of Fred's time . . . Mr. Aldrich's history class rated high . . . would like to own a clothing store.



LINDA L. McKENNEY  
6 Brande Court

Vivacious Linda . . . ambition, to be eternally happy . . . Dramatic Club, Business Staff, and Senior Play occupied Linda's time . . . Fitchburg Teachers College leads the way to her future . . . won't forget Mr. Bennett's history classes . . . likes the new library.



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23 Fairview Avenue

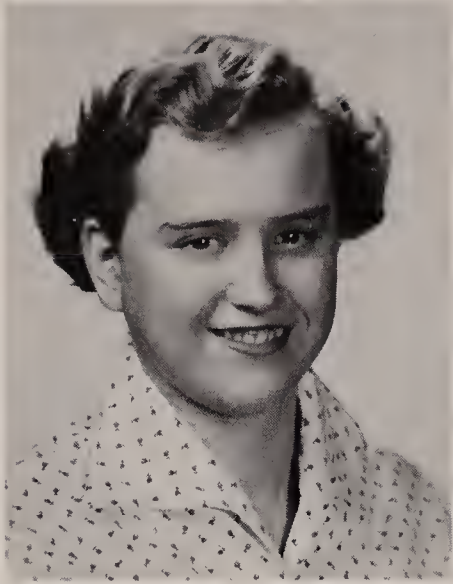
John's plans for next year center around work or the service . . . favorite sport was football . . . enjoyed shop and music . . . member of Service Squad, Technical Crew, Chorus, and DeMolay . . . industrious head manager of the football squad.





**WILLIAM A. MORRISON**  
43 Weston Road

Bill . . . one of our quiet classmates . . . undecided about the future . . . baseball and basketball are his chief interests . . . won't forget driver education or his favorite subject, chemistry . . . appreciated the cafeteria and the auditorium in the new school.



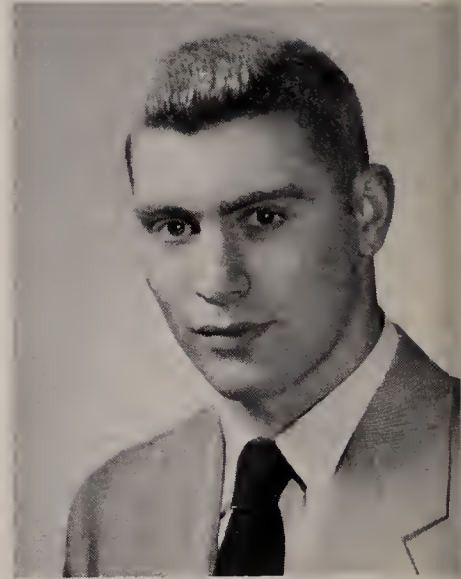
**BARBARA A. MOULTON**  
10 Bond Street

Likable "Barb" . . . enjoyed Spanish with Mr. Roewer . . . spent Saturday afternoons selling programs at the football games . . . worked on the Business Staff . . . member of Chorus . . . next year "Barb" will attend Gorham or Bridgewater State Teachers College.



**ANITA R. MULHINCH**  
48 Bear Hill Road

Anita . . . o pretty member of Chorus and Pioneer Art Staff . . . would like to go to Chamberlain Junior College and become a fashion co-ordinator . . . bookkeeping and driver education were her favorite subjects . . . her chief interest, Jimmy.



**THOMAS K. MURRAY**  
28 Park Avenue

"Muff" . . . our All-Scholastic football player and track star . . . member of Senior Executive Board . . . hopes to play college football . . . nominates math with Mr. Crowley as his favorite memory . . . cars, football, and track are his chief interests.



**DEANA R. NEWELL**  
172 Washington Street

Junior college and a position as secretary are included in Deana's plans for the future . . . football games and dancing are her interests on the social side . . . history with Mr. Aldrich is tops on the academic.



**MARJORIE E. NUGENT**  
18 Winter Street

Popular with all her schoolmates, especially a certain junior boy . . . "Margie" spent most of her spare time dancing and attending the football games . . . hopes to work in Boston next year . . . enjoyed senior English.



**BARBARA M. NURMI**  
24 Smith Avenue

"Barb" . . . member of Pioneer Art Staff . . . ticket seller and Rainbow girl . . . her varied interests number drawing dancing, and football . . . enjoyed history . . . "Barb's" plans for the future include a course at Comptometer School.



**VICTOR P. OLIVER**  
119 Moin Street

"Jose" . . . avid student of United States History . . . expects to enter the Air Force after graduation . . . one of the motorcycle set . . . he hopes to own his own motorcycle shop after his years in the service.





PETER D. ORTH  
48 Whittier Road

"Pete" is synonymous with "mischief" . . . plans for the future include an apprentice course at General Electric . . . chief interest is cars . . . would like to own a Cadillac convertible someday . . . remembers math and geometry with Mr. Baker.



CAROL J. PETERSON  
78 Charles Street

"Pete" . . . member of the Pioneer Pro- Staff . . . active on the Senior Execu- te Board . . . high-stepping leader of the Baton Squad . . . favorite subject is English . . . plans to attend a school of nursing after graduation.



JOAN M. PANTANO  
46 Pleasant Street

Joan is always ready for fun . . . member of the girls basketball team . . . finds the spaciousness of the new cafe- teria to her liking . . . chief interests include Sonny and basketball . . . plans to work next year.



RICHARD K. POEHLER  
34 Winter Street

Dick plans to join the Army or the Air Force . . . enjoyed chemistry and history . . . member of the football squad . . . hockey and National Guard occupy his spare time . . . appreciates the drinking fountains placed generously about the school.



JUDITH M. PARTELOW  
17 Pine Ridge Road

"Judy" . . . a very cute and energetic cheerleader . . . activities include Pioneer Business Staff, Dramatic Club, basketball, and Rainbow . . . chief in- terests, swimming and sailing . . . hopes to attend the University of Maine and become a dietitian.



JON E. READ  
108 West Street

Jack plans to get a good job and take life easy . . . his ambition is to go to California . . . captain of the golf team for two years . . . history was Jack's favorite subject . . . hockey and hunting interest him.



GEORGE B. PERRY  
15 Pratt Street

George . . . plans to become a success- ful auto mechanic by way of Franklin Tech . . . a member of the Service Squad, Chorus, and Camera Club . . . won't forget physics with Mr. Pope . . . cars and cameras share his interest.



JUNE M. REDMOND  
229 Washington Street

Mischievous June . . . ambitious to graduate, she says . . . her chief inter- ests include Canteen, boys, and having fun . . . remembers Mr. Bennett and waiting for the 2:30 bell . . . enjoys lunch and study in the big new cafe- teria.





**ROBERTA E. RICCIO**  
26 Virginia Road

Bobby's smiles always brighten the dark days . . . she plans to attend nursing school at Chelsea Memorial Hospital . . . transferred from Medford High . . . member of Chorus and Ticket Girls . . . likes dancing, badminton, piano . . . favorite subject is history.



**JON B. RICHARDSON**  
370 South Street

Jon . . . otherwise "Jonny" . . . will be whistling "Anchors Aweigh" in the near future . . . his favorite school subjects were physics and study . . . Jonny's great ambition at the moment is to become the owner of a new car.



**DIANE B. ROBBINS**  
55 Woburn Street

Efficiency characterizes Diane and her secretarial work . . . plans to continue to be a private secretary at the Reading Hearing Aid Center next year . . . enjoys dancing, skating, and Dave . . . top twirler in the Reading Baton Squad.



**RONALD A. ROBERTS**  
185 County Road

Next year "Ronnie" plans to join the Air Force . . . chief interests include motorcycles and girls . . . he wants to invent something useful that will have wide market appeal . . . school interests revolved about the sixth lunch period.



**MILTON ROBINSON**

195 Haverhill Street, North Reading  
"Buddy" . . . has his eyes on the University of New Hampshire . . . was a letterman on the football team . . . he was also a member of the track team and the Play Reading Committee . . . his favorite period was lunch.



**RICHARD W. ROGERS**  
38 Pleasant Street

Dick is another University of Massachusetts candidate . . . plans to become a dentist . . . favorite sport is baseball . . . physics was the subject for Dick . . . active member of Pioneer Business Staff, Service Squad, and DeMolay.



**MARION RUDERMAN**  
32 Gould Street

"Ma" . . . wants to go to Sunny Florida next year in her own Cadillac convertible . . . recalls the fun she had at Hampton Beach . . . will remember Algebra I with Mr. Crowley . . . appreciates having a locker of her own.



**JACK RUNGE**  
157 Pleasant Street

Good-looking Jack . . . an all-round athlete . . . was a valuable member of our football squad . . . plans to attend Lawrence Academy next year . . . interests include track, baseball, and football . . . ambition is to earn lots of money.





FLORENCE L. RUSSELL  
295 Charles Street

Flo's interests are dancing and a boy named Bob . . . will attend secretarial school . . . enjoys U. S. History and the tables in study hall . . . assistant editor of the *Pioneer* Art Staff . . . member of Band, Orchestra, Baton Squad.



CHARLES D. SAUNDERS  
35 Park Avenue

"Dan" . . . member of the golf team . . . would like a commission in the Navy by way of the Naval Academy . . . his favorite sport is hockey . . . will remember Mr. Pope's physics classes . . . noted for his punctuality.



MARGARETTE F. RUSSO  
Main Street

"Margie" will attend Massachusetts State Teachers College to further her plans for a career . . . appreciates the more adequate seating facilities of the new building . . . she enjoyed Latin with Mr. Spencer . . . likes to dance.



JOYCE C. SKANE  
28 Salem Street

"Joy" rates Math C.P.3 and IV as favorite subjects . . . dancing, bowling and rollerskating command her interest . . . busy member of the *Pioneer* Business Staff and Senior Play Reading Committee . . . will attend the University of New Hampshire.



MARILYN D. SAMPSON  
143 Washington Street

"Mimi" would like to attend secretarial school . . . bookkeeping and home economics were her favorite subjects . . . she is most appreciative of our splendid auditorium . . . intends to make a future career in the field of office work.



MAUREEN A. SKINNER  
Main Street, North Reading  
Likable "Mitzi" . . . undecided about which business school to attend next year . . . member of *Pioneer* Business Staff and basketball team . . . interests include basketball and Eddie . . . has fond memories of '54's Senior Prom.



CAROL J. SANFORD  
7 Mt. Vernon Street

Carol . . . always wears a cheerful smile . . . will remember fourth-period Latin class . . . activities include *Pioneer* Business Staff and ticket selling . . . next year will find Carol at State Teachers College in Boston . . . remembers Hampton Beach.



WILLIAM D. SKINNER  
36 Dunbar Road

Member of *Pioneer* Art Staff, Chorus, Service Squad, Glee Club, DeMolay . . . enjoys swimming, skating . . . will remember history and art . . . Bill plans to join the Air Force and then pursue medical studies at Massachusetts General Hospital.





CHARLES L. SMITH  
103 Libby Avenue

Next year will find Charlie in some branch of the service . . . work in the electronics field after that . . . enjoys sports, particularly hockey and football . . . Mr. Crowley's math class and driver education will be remembered.



JOHN M. SMITH  
86 Libby Avenue

"Bones" wants to wear the Navy blue next year and sail the seven seas . . . his ambition is to be a mechanic . . . enjoys driver education, science, and photography . . . a member of our Band and Camera Club.



ROBERT L. SMITH  
81 Ash Street

A member of R. H. S. Band and Orchestra . . . his ambition is to be an engineer . . . favorite hobby is model railroading . . . enjoyed the Physics classes . . . "Bob" represents the fourth successive generation to graduate from Reading High School.



RICHARD G. SPINNEY  
13 Highland Street

Busy "Arch" . . . 1954 Student Council President, member of Pioneer Business Staff, Service Squad, and Chorus . . . loves physics class, skiing, cars and swimming . . . Massachusetts College of Pharmacy next year . . . his hot-rod Plymouth is a familiar sight.



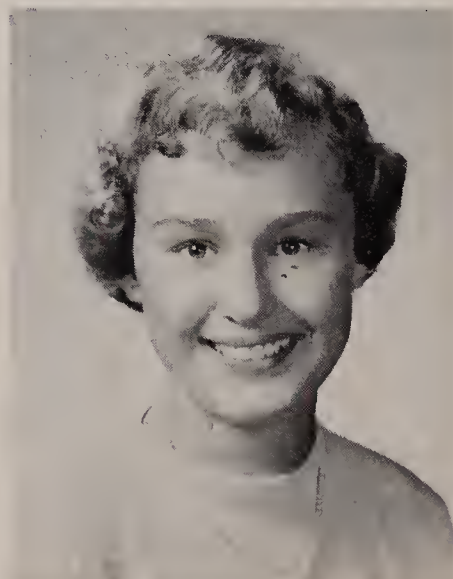
WILLIAM A. SPINNEY, JR.  
277 Woburn Street

Bill's hobbies include automobiles and hockey . . . Latin seemed a lot easier with real desks . . . algebra as taught by Mr. Fitzgerald made a great impression . . . college will prepare him for an interesting career in civil engineering.



EDWARD C. STANTON  
15 Park Street, North Reading

The captain of our 1954 football team . . . naturally rates football as a top interest . . . Mr. Murphy's physics class was a favorite, too . . . after graduation, Ed will turn all his attention towards the Armed Services.



CAROL STEVENSON  
53 Wakefield Street

Carol . . . attractive cheerleader for two years . . . hopes to attend a four-year college . . . member of Junior Woman's Club and Rainbow . . . chief interests include dances, football games and a handsome Marine from the class of '53.



JUDITH R. STONE  
259 Haven Street

"Judy" hopes to be famous and successful . . . member of Pioneer Profile Staff, Service Squad, the Senior Executive Board, Senior Play, and Ticket Girls . . . vivacious . . . great dance organizer . . . likes swimming and being with Bob.





ANN D. STROUT  
77 Mineral Street

"Strouty" . . . one of the peppiest girls in R.H.S. . . . her ambition is to own a girls camp . . . a talented member of the girls basketball team . . . member of Profile Staff . . . hopes to attend Sargent College next year.



JAMES S. SURETTE  
106 Libby Avenue

Jim's big ambition is to become a millionaire . . . football, basketball, and autos are included among his interests . . . academically, he considers physics with Mr. Murphy "the most" . . . Jim has quite a reputation as a ladies' man.



ROGER J. SULLIVAN  
177 North Street, North Reading  
Amiable "Sully" followed the College Course . . . hopes to attend Boston College . . . physics with Mr. Pope is his favorite memory . . . if his desire to become a successful sportswriter comes true, he'll "own a fleet of Cadillacs."



JOSEPH TALBOT  
111 Green Street

A very versatile athlete is Joey . . . co-captain of the basketball team . . . valuable player on the football and baseball teams . . . always enjoyed Spanish with Mr. Roewer . . . Joey served on the Student Council.



DAVID L. SURETTE  
13 Washington Street

"Dave" . . . hopes to enter a branch of the Armed Forces in the near future . . . swimming, hockey and rollerskating are his favorite sports . . . he greatly enjoyed lunch and study periods . . . his ambition is to graduate.



HELEN A. TAYLOR  
71 Winthrop Avenue

Helen's plans include Bates College and teaching . . . favorite subject, Latin . . . member of N. H. S., Senior Executive Board, Dramatic Club, Senior Play Reading Committee . . . appeared in *Our Town* . . . was our diligent *Pioneer* Business Manager.



DOLORES SURETTE  
46 Washington Street

"Dee" . . . sparkling leader of the Baton Squad . . . worked her way through the College Course . . . next year she may take a business course at Merrimack College . . . the Baton Squad, ice-skating, and Spanish are her special interests.



SANDRA A. TAYLOR  
232 High Street

A future nurse . . . Newton-Wellesley will welcome this red-headed miss next year . . . favorite subjects, U. S. history and chemistry . . . Dramatic Club, Profile, Business, and Editorial Staffs, Baton Squad, basketball and Senior Play have kept Sandy busy.





**ROBERT L. THERIAULT**  
580 Pearl Street

"Terria" . . . although track and football are among his favorite interests, cars occupy most of his time . . . his ambition is to build a "hot-rod" . . . next year he plans to attend a trade school to study mechanics.



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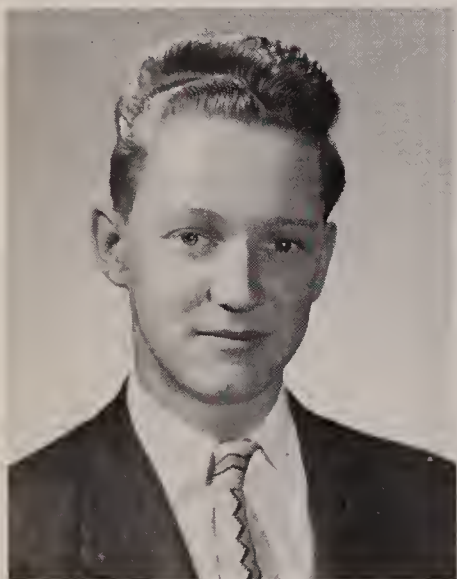
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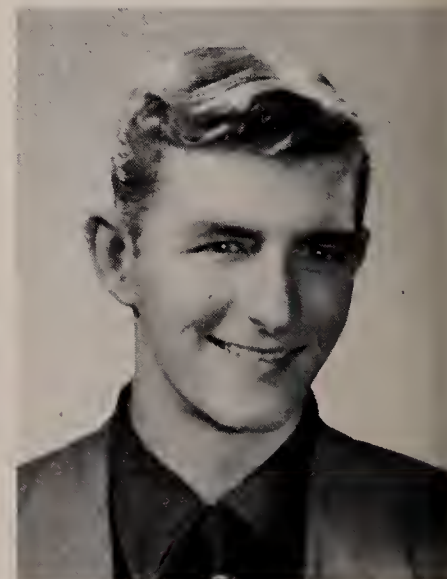
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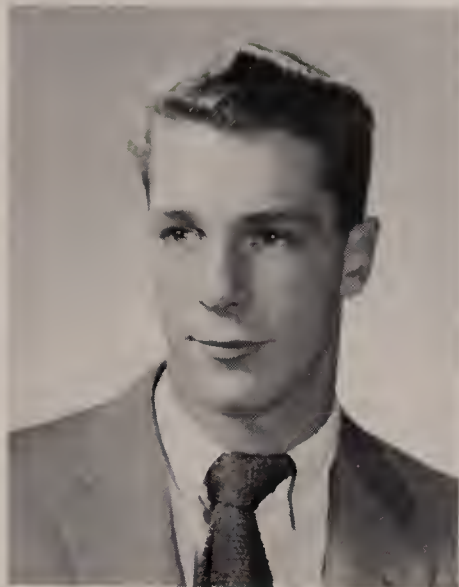
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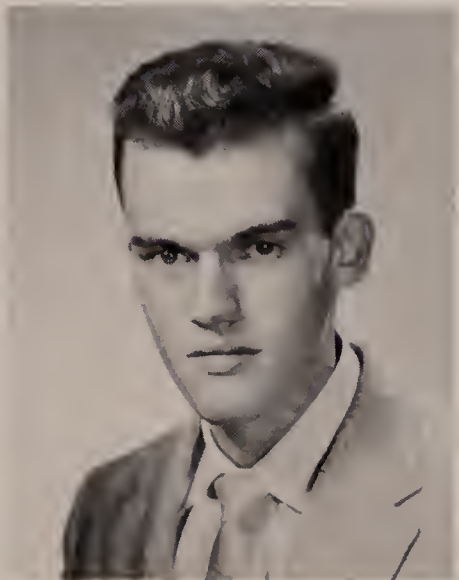
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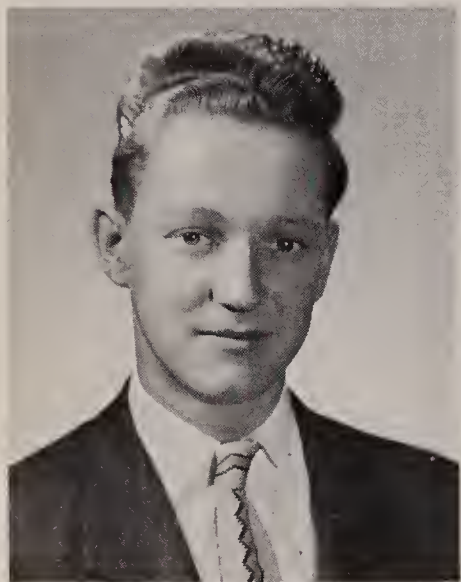
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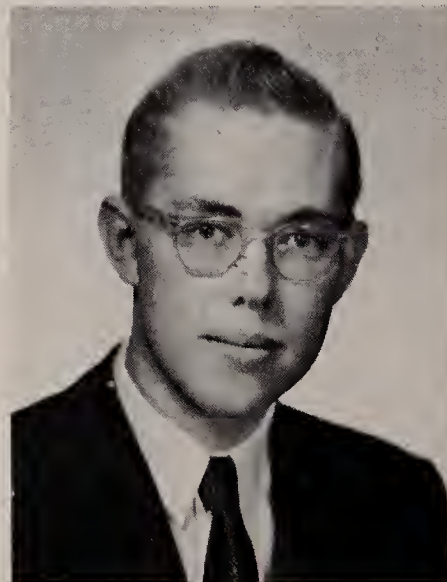
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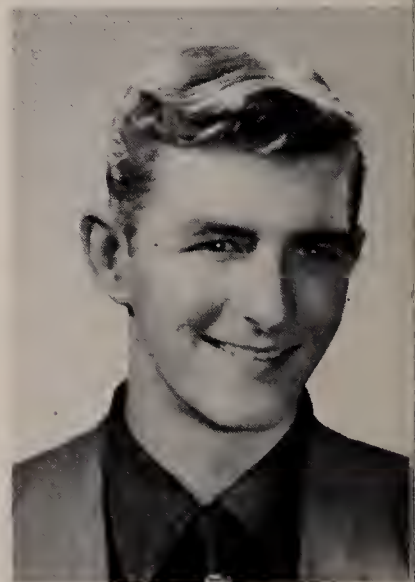
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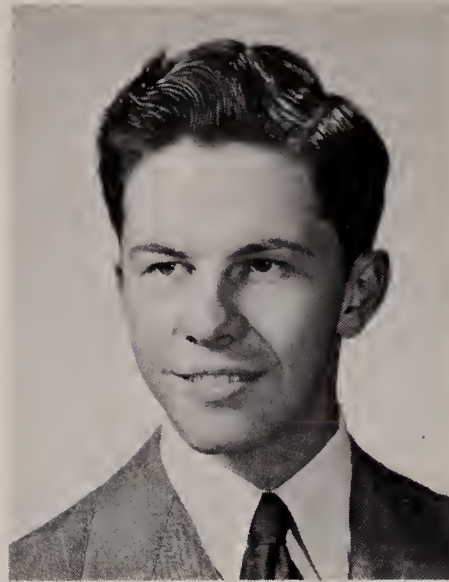
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69 Winter Street, North Reading

Always a wit . . . "Jerry" shares the nearly universal ambition to become rich . . . is considering Northeastern for his collegiate future . . . member of Student Council . . . weight-lifting, his sport; jazz, his hobby . . . won't forget Mr. Pope's physics classes.



A. WILLIAM WOGLOM

7 Cedar Street, North Reading

Bill . . . always seen in his flashy green convertible . . . ambition is to own a drug store . . . claims algebra as favorite subject . . . study hall heads his list of memories . . . Bill plans to attend Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.



WILLIAM R. ZANNI

22 Lakeview Avenue

Billy . . . hopes some day to own new car . . . chief interest is girls . . . his favorite memories are Mrs. Abbott English class and physics . . . appreciate that new improved office . . . will always remember the fun with the boys.

BARRY P. BUTLER

Haverhill Street, North Reading

This shy and quiet car-enthusiast plans to don the blue uniform of the Air Force next year . . . interested in sports, especially hockey . . . letter man of the football and baseball squads . . . remembers math and physics.

CHARLES T. CRYTS

145 Village Street

Hot-rod "Chuck" . . . plans to enter the Air Force next year . . . ambition, to play hockey . . . Chuck will be remembered by everyone who went to the Cheerleaders Dance . . . favorite interests include drive-ins and eating French fries.

SALLY E. GRANT

6 Tamarack Road

Blonde, quiet "Sal" hopes to be another of our future nurses . . . would enjoy working in the "wide open spaces" . . . swimming and skating are favorite sports . . . enjoyed biology with Mr. Wogan and English with Mrs. Cutcliffe.

ALVIN C. OPLAND

56 Van Norden Road

"Ope" . . . plans to join the Marine after graduation . . . hopes for a Civil Service job later . . . autos and hockey are numbered among his chief interest . . . favorite subjects were history and study . . . would like to see Germany.

DONALD A. SHERROD

81 High Street

Don . . . rated math as his favorite school subject . . . greatly enjoys baseball . . . Mr. Bronner and driver education class made a deep impression . . . hopes to make his career in the automotive field . . . uncertain about next year.

ARNOLD W. STARR

Old Andover Road, North Reading

"Buddy" . . . plans to join the Marine Corps . . . and hopes to attain his ambition of becoming a high-ranking officer . . . sports occupy most of "Buddy's" free time . . . member of the Reading Ski Club . . . remembers Mr. Aldrich's classes.

ROBERT G. THOMS

Wadsworth Road, North Reading

"Thomsie" proves that all good things come in small packages . . . cars hold his interest . . . next year he plans to enter trade school, and then hopes to get a good job . . . enjoys hearing that 2:30 bell.



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Thus ends the 1955 *Pioneer*, the first yearbook to be produced in the new Reading High School. Compiling our book has involved much work on the part of many people, but for the most part we've enjoyed every minute of it, including the long jaunts from the second-floor *Pioneer* room away down to the art room.

For the several *Pioneer* staffs, I wish to extend our thanks to our faculty advisers for their invaluable help; to our advertisers for their financial aid; and to Mr. John Walantis of the Murray Printing Company.

To those of us who can compare our new quarters with the old high school, this year has been a pretty wonderful experience to record in our yearbook, and we hope that the other classes have appreciated it as much as we have.

B. W. H.

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The grapevine has it that big changes are on the way. Our unimpeachable source of information cannot be disclosed, but these proposals are in the works: Sweet music during lunch periods. An escalator from gym lockers

# ROCKET HI-LITES

High

Reading His  
dramatic  
enjoys w. Richard Curtis was  
ance at the regional  
Saturday. She always  
Merelyn Saturday. She always  
enjoys working with the entire cast. She  
found that it takes more than  
actors to make a play. Without  
the director, stage and technical  
crew, make-up, costume, tickets,  
and publicity there would be no  
play. She also learned the tech-  
nique of pantomime and the pro-  
jecting of one's voice and person-  
ality across the footlights.

Merelyn plans to attend Bates  
College after graduation and  
hopes that her studies will leave  
time to take part in the dramatic  
activities there.

Besides dramatics,  
said that she is be-  
ing on the  
as w

## CLUB NEWS

DRAMATIC CLUB  
Club members have at-  
tended the Quannapowitt Players  
presentations; the operas  
activities or enjo

## GIRLS SPORTS

This spring Mrs. Peterson is  
planning to organize girls' teams  
in tennis, archery and softball—  
during gym classes and after  
school. There will be games  
with other schools.

—a gym

FRENCH CLUB  
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ribbons  
—prunes in Latin — to promote  
international understanding,  
but Adriano prefers other fruit

## Vets Look to Spring Sports

How does the old saying go?  
fancy turns to thoughts of  
High's boys are no exception.  
Kathleen  
Dolores  
Thomas Halpin  
Priscilla Harrison  
Dale La Belle

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(More Next Issue)

achusetts

In the spring, a young man's  
spring sports, of course. Reading  
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ce team of Bob The-  
oyce Doherty, both stu-

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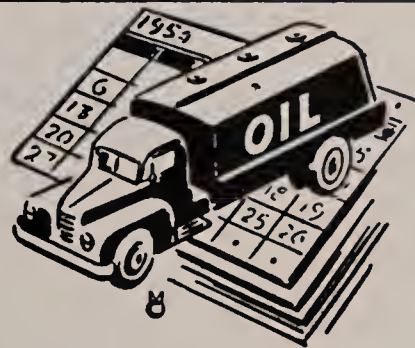
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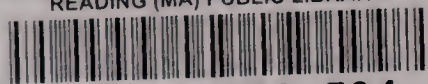








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